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AG: Military can still acquire lands using eminent domain

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REPORTER

The U.S. military can still acquire lands in the Commonwealth even if a bill is passed to prohibit the CNMI's Department of Public Lands from entering into leases with the military, according to a written opinion by Attorney General Edward Manibusan.

SIS 3rd grader wins trip to White House with recipe

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REPORTER

A Saipan International School student's healthy lunch recipe has won her a White House dinner with first lady Michelle Obama.

Third-grader Claire Park won the state "Health Lunchtime Challenge" competition. Her teacher, Kathy Ruszala, was notified of Choi's free trip to the White House on Tuesday morning.

"I made a Rota sweet potato salad with chicken breast," Choi told *Saipan Tribune*. "Even my dad tried it and my baby sister tried it, and my mom."

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Manibusan gave the opinion Tuesday evening during a public hearing on Senate Bill 19-42, which was introduced by Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) to prohibit the lease of public land for live fire and bombing exercises. It would also require

leases of public lands for other military activities to be approved by two-thirds majority of registered voters.

According to the Manibusan, SB 19-42 "adequately restrains the DPL from leasing public

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PSS chief appears in court, asks to dismiss traffic case

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REPORTER

ernment vehicle.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho later set an evidentiary hearing for Aug. 27, 2015, to clarify issues related to vehicles that are owned or leased by the CNMI government.

Sablan appeared with her counsel, Brien Sers Nicholas. Assistant at-

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Sablan



'LIGHT THE WAY'

The Marianas High School Class of 2015 light up their phones as they sing their senior class song, *Flashlight*, near the end of the graduation ceremony yesterday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Saipan International School third-grader Claire Park poses with her teacher, Kathy Ruszala.

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REPORTER

The 2015 Liberation Day Committee, Skywalker Communications Group, Saipan Mayor's Office, and other related agencies met yesterday at the mayor's office at the Ladera Center to gear up preparations for the 2015 Liberation Parade.

» **Apatang: Prices for booths a little too expensive**

Officials from the Department of Public

Safety and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. discussed with the committee about safety and power usage for the Liberation Day festival.

"What we're trying to do is to put things in order like CUC discussing the plans for the power side, including safety. This is to make sure that last-minute planning doesn't conflict," said Saipan Mayor David Apatang.

The parade will be held on July 4 and will stretch from the Quartermaster intersection to the Liberation Day Festival grounds at the Gara-

pan Fishing Base. Float and parade participants are encouraged to



Apatang

be at the starting point, Quartermaster, by 7:30am, with the parade kicking off at 9am

Apatang told committee members that the making of floats needs to be pushed because July 4 is nearing.

"It usually takes a whole month for the parade floats to be prepared. We need to urge residents to join in the floats so they could start preparing their floats. We're not here to make money; we want our people to participate and enjoy," he said.

Apatang also discussed with the committee that prices for booth rentals were too "expensive," telling committee members that it would be difficult for vendors to pick up applications.

The price for booth rentals is \$2,000. Past liberation festivities usually set the booth rentals at around \$100.

"The booth rental is too pricey and this is a community-based event and we might be able to have more applications [if we lower the rental price]," he said.

Apatang conceded saying that they'd probably have to wait and expect more to come in later.

Liberation Day committee member Rose Ada Hocog said

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Ex-convict arrested for alleged extortion try

Ex-convict Mario Olopai Sablan was arrested again on midnight Tuesday, this time for allegedly trying to extort \$100 from a woman who lost her wallet at a poker arcade in Garapan.

Sablan, 38, was arrested for the offense of receiving stolen property.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman increased Sablan's \$1,500 cash bail to \$5,000 cash, citing his criminal history and the circumstances of his latest arrest.

"Welcome back to court," the judge told Sablan.

Wiseman noted that he just sentenced the suspect for theft in February 2013.

The judge also noted that Sablan has had 16 traffic cases since 1993 all the way to the present time.

Wiseman told Sablan that he should start to learn how to drive.

The Public Defender's Office was appointed as counsel for Sablan on an interim basis. Preliminary hearing will be on June 17 at 9am.

Wiseman also ordered revocation proceedings and set the arraignment in the revocation matter for June 24 at 1:30pm.

The Office of Adult Probation asked for the revocation of Sablan's probation because of his arrest on Tuesday.

Police detective Edward M. Cepeda stated in his report that a police officer responded last Saturday at 4:11am to a theft incident at Best Poker in western Garapan and met with a woman who complained that her wallet was stolen inside the arcade.

The victim told police that her wallet contained an undetermined amount of money and several identification cards.

The officer reviewed the surveillance camera and identified the person who took her wallet. Another witness also corroborated the officer's observation. *Saipan Tribune* opted not to disclose the person's identity as it's not clear yet whether he has already been arrested.

Cepeda said that on Monday at 11:52pm, two police officers responded to Best Poker after the wallet's owner called for help.

The victim approached the officers and put her cell phone on speaker. The two officers heard a man on the other line demanding from the victim \$50 for him and \$50 for his friend if she wants to get her wallet back.

The man told the victim to meet them at 99 Cents Store in Garapan. The two police officers then requested for other police units to assist them.

The officers proceeded to the 99 Cents Store, where the victim waited in the parking lot. A few minutes later, the officers saw Sablan approaching the victim. When the victim got her wallet, police arrested Sablan.

The wallet contained the victim's driver's license, Social Security card, credit card from First Hawaiian Bank, and other identification cards.

In February 2013, Wiseman sentenced Sablan to 30 days for theft and placed him on probation for five years.

According to the plea agreement, on Sept. 28, 2012, Sablan and a co-defendant stole

\$876 cash from a poker machine at the U-Luck Poker in western Garapan.

In April 2012, Sablan, then an employee at the Division of Sports and Recreation, was arrested with John B. Reyes Jr. for allegedly burglarizing the Garapan Elementary School and carting off more than \$6,000 worth of equipment and other instructional materials. The Office of the Attorney General subsequently dropped the case. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Rotary Club finishes dictionary distribution for third graders

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 REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Saipan has finished distributing its dictionaries for school year 2014-2015.

According to Rotary vocational director Thomas Thornburgh, a total of 886 dictionaries were distributed to third graders this year.

"It was a tough project but well worth it for the literacy of our students, which is something that is always needed in public and private schools every year," Thornburgh said.

Nine public schools received the dictionaries: Kolberville, Kagman, Oleai, William S. Reyes, Garapan, Gregorio T. Camacho, San Vicente, Sinapalo, and Tinian elementary schools.

Eleven private schools also benefited: Mount Carmel School, Whispering Palms School, Brilliant Star School, Eucon International School, Grace Christian Academy Rota, Eskuelan San Fran-

cisco De Borja, Grace Christian Academy Saipan, Saipan Community School, Saipan International School, Golden Harvest, and Seventh Day Adventist.

Garapan Elementary School received the most dictionaries with 117.

According to Thornburgh, two private schools—Tinian Grace Christian Academy and Agape School in Saipan—closed before they could give them the dictionaries this school year.

"To be fair, we must note to distribute to both the third graders and fourth graders of these schools next year," he added.

Rotary started distributing the dictionaries last March and finished in early June. Various club members helped out in the distribution such as president Richard Cody, director Marcia Ayuyu, and Rotarian Wendell Posadas.

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First gay couple to marry in US territory ties knot in Guam

By GRACE GARCES BORDALLO
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HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—There were no flowers. There was no music. The onlookers witnessing Guam's first wedding of a gay couple were mostly members of the media. "It's my privilege to officiate at this. Do you take each

other to share your lives, to promise to take good care of one another for as long as you live?" Public Health Director James Gillan asked.

"I do," said Deasia Johnson of Killeen, Texas.

"I do," answered her bride, Nikki Dismuke of New Orleans.

"By the power vested in me

by the laws of Guam, I pronounce you married," Gillan said before the two military members kissed to solemnize their vows.

With those words, in a ceremony that lasted less than a minute in Gillan's office, Johnson and Dismuke became the first gay couple to be legally married in a U.S. territory.

Guam got that distinction Tuesday after a federal judge last week struck down the island territory's ban, saying it was unconstitutional.

Loretta M. Pangelinan, 28, and Kathleen M. Aguero, 29, sued to overturn the territory's law after being denied a marriage application in April. They based their lawsuit on

the prevailing opinion from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which had approved gay marriage in western U.S. states. Guam falls under the jurisdiction of the 9th Circuit Court.

Pangelinan and Aguero arrived at the Office of Vital Statistics on Tuesday morning, where numbers were placed on a table for people to take their turns at the window. Their card said No. 4.

Oscar Elton Sette to depart today

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REPORTER

The NOAA research ship, *Oscar Elton Sette*, will be departing today, June 11, for a trip up the Northern Islands for research on *Ranina ranina*, commonly known as spanner or frog crab, according to NOAA's Dr. Don Kobayashi.

Kobayashi's team, who hails from Hawaii, also know this crab as the "Kona crab."

During a presentation at the American Memorial Park on Monday, Kobayashi, the chief scientist on board the *Sette*, said their expedition would be from June 11 to June 27.

According to Kobayashi, there is "not much known" about the crab in the Marianas. The crab is edible.

The team of researchers will visit the islands of Uracas, Maug, Agrihan, Pagan, Alamagan, and Sarigan, according

to Kobayashi.

Researchers would start from the northernmost island, Uracas or Farallon de Pajaros, and work their way down, he said.

Specifically, the objectives of their trip are to do surveys of "offshore sandy bottom ecosystems using trapping gear and surveys," and "surveys of offshore midwater ecosystems using midwater trawl and plankton nets."

According to Dr. John Denton, who also spoke on Monday, this "midwater" trawling takes

place through waters with "dim light to no light."

He said that midwater holds fishes that comprise about 50 percent of deep-sea biomass.

It is also home to juvenile forms of marine species and many species of marine organisms, he said.

Local individuals from the Micronesian Environmental Services, like Shirley Ann Taitano, who was part of NOAA expedition on the *Sette* last year, will also join and aid their research.

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torney general Emily Cohen argued for the government's opposition to the motion to dismiss.

Camacho raised five questions for the evidentiary hearing: What are the differences between a leased vehicle and a rented vehicle? What are the procedures to remove factory tint or windows? What are the procedures to issue a vehicle a government license plate? What are the procedures to place marking on a government vehicle? What are the markings that must be on a government vehicle?

Camacho also asked the parties to provide any other information that will be helpful to the court in deciding on Sablan's motion to dismiss.

He also instructed Nicholas to summon someone from Joeten Motors, Procurement and Supply, Procurement and Supply at the Public School System, Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicle, and anyone else who can give answers to five questions he raised.

Camacho said the Office of the Attorney General may also summon anyone who can provide answers to the issues.

In an interview after the hearing, Nicholas said he hopes the court will agree with their position.

He said much work needs to be done with the law so it is

drafted in such a way that's not too confusing and too vague.

Nicholas said if there are some problems with the law, the lawmakers are the ones who can fix it.

On Jan. 15, 2015, police Sgt. Anthony Macaranas cited Sablan with three counts of violating the government vehicle provisions of the Commonwealth Code.

The government is charging Sablan with operating a government vehicle that had tinting materials on its window, operating a government or government-leased vehicle that is not marked on both front doors, and with driving a government vehicle that does not bear government license plates.

At the hearing, Nicholas argued that the traffic statute that allegedly had been violated in this case is "unconstitutionally vague."

He asserted that prosecution will have a difficult time in proving that the car that Sablan was using is a government vehicle. Nicholas said the car belongs to Joeten Motors and not to the CNMI government.

"A leased vehicle is not a government vehicle," he pointed out.

Nicholas said the vehicle, a 2011 Honda Accord, was and continues to be registered with Joeten Motor as the named owner, not PSS.

In Sablan's memorandum, Nicholas said the statute discussed attempts to overreach in claiming full ownership of

the vehicle even though it is a leased vehicle.

Simply put, Nicholas said, the definition of what constitutes a "government vehicle" is vague at best, given that the government cannot treat a vehicle that it does not own.

Nicholas said the traffic law must be declared vague and unconstitutional.

In the government's opposition, assistant attorney general Emily Cohen argued that the law is not unconstitutionally vague, the motion is not appropriate to determine whether the car is a government vehicle, and the evidence shows the car was a government vehicle.

At the hearing, Cohen said the motion is a premature motion for judgment of acquittal and that the government should be allowed to put evidence during the trial.

Cohen asserted that no matter what the lease agreement says, a person cannot circumvent the law and that the contract does not relieve a person from complying with the law.

In this case, the prosecutor said, Sablan was operating the vehicle with no markings.

In her memorandum, Cohen said Sablan claims that all of ICMC Subsection 7406 is unconstitutionally vague because the definition of what is a government vehicle is vague.

Cohen said under the statute, a government vehicle is defined as "vehicle owned or leased by the Commonwealth government or any of its branches or political subdivisions, including

autonomous agencies, government corporations, boards, and commissions."

Cohen said the definition of a government vehicle is plain and clear on its face.

She asserted that any ambiguities can be resolved by a closer look at the Commonwealth Code.

Cohen said the lease for this vehicle began Jan. 1, 2014, and Sablan was stopped on Jan. 15, 2015, so the government is legally the owner of the car.

"There is no ambiguity; a government vehicle is one that is owned or leased. Therefore, the statute is not vague," she pointed out.

Cohen said Sablan had been pulled over prior to being cited and was given a warning by Sgt. Macaranas.

Cohen said if Sablan believes the statute did not apply to this car, she should have sought a legal opinion from the Office of the Attorney General at that point, like other government agencies have.

"The statute makes it abundantly clear what is prohibited. Therefore, it is not overbroad," she said.

The prosecutor said the government is asserting their right to a trial before the court determines whether there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that the car was a government vehicle.

At the trial, Cohen said, the government expects to call witnesses and present evidence to prove the car was a government vehicle.

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lands to private actors for military purposes, but the determination of whether it effectively prevents live fire and bombing exercises by the U.S. requires an analysis of other laws."

He also said the existing lease between the U.S. and Commonwealth governments is governed by the Covenant and its accompanying Technical Agreement.

"Neither the Covenant nor the Technical Agreement prohibit the use of these lands for live fire or bombing exercises, nor do they allow the Commonwealth to make unilateral changes to the lease to insert those terms," Manibusan said.

According to him, the CNMI Legislature can prohibit DPL from leasing out the land.

"However, the federal government is not required to follow laws established by its political subdivisions. Therefore, this bill would only prevent the DPL from entering a prohibited lease. It would not restrain the U.S."

So if DPL and U.S. government enter into a lease that violates this bill, the Commonwealth would only be able to sue its own department, the AG added.

Also, the measure does not restrict other methods of transferring land, such as purchase or land exchange, he pointed out.

Manibusan added that there are other methods of transferring land, and one is through the "eminent domain" process.

According to him, the Covenant allows the U.S. to use eminent domain to acquire property "to the same extent and in the same manner as it has and can exercise the power of eminent domain in a State of the Union."

At the moment, the U.S. has other options. One is to negotiate with DPL to lease the land on terms that are acceptable to both parties, cancel the proposal, and file an eminent domain lawsuit and the U.S. District Court determine the cost and condition of use, the AG said.

In his recommendations, Manibusan said SB 19-42 cannot prevent the military from using the land it already leases.

The bill also cannot prevent the U.S. from taking the land it desires through eminent domain, which could be a far worse outcome for the Commonwealth than if the lands were leased, he added.

The bill as proposed also seeks to put military leases of public land to be submitted to the public for approval but Manibusan said this raises the question of who would be allowed to vote on this. "If leases for public lands are put to a vote, it is unlikely that the vote would be restricted to people of Northern Marianas descent," he said, citing the *Davis v. Commonwealth Election Commission* decision.

'Unnecessary'

In his own written comment, DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said the bill is "unnecessary because the Legislature already has the obligation and duty to approve and disapprove certain leases per Article 11 of the Constitution."

Tenorio said this section requires the Legislature's approval in a joint session for all leases of public lands that the more than 5 hectares.

Tenorio said with or without SB 19-42, the Constitution still requires the Legislature to first approve it for it to take effect.

The DPL chief further said one problem he sees is that "we don't know what the U.S. is willing to pay," and that "we would never know what is being offered unless discussion are conducted aimed at establishing some kind of fair market value for public lands that the military would be interested in leasing, such as Pagan, in its entirety or portion of it."

"The decision of whether to entertain the military's request to lease public lands on Pagan rests with you as the representatives of the people and the governor, as head of our government," Tenorio, in his letter, said.

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that six have already picked up applications.

There are 48 booth available for rental for food and merchandise vendors.

Several community members have complained online through social media about the pricey booth rental.

However, Apatang is urging community members to be a part of the parade and take up applications for floats. Parade floats will have prizes of

\$4,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place, \$2,000 for third place, and \$1,000 for fourth place. These are the largest prizes so far for the parade float competition.

The 2015 Liberation Day festival will open on June 27 from 6pm to 10pm from Monday to Thursdays, 6pm to 11pm on Fridays, 10am to 11pm on Saturdays, and 10am to 10pm on Sundays and will run until Aug. 16.

To pick up applications or get more information, call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208 or the Skywalker office at 234-7942.

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"I got it from a supermarket. My mom helped me come up" with the recipe," she added.

When asked why eating healthy was important, she said, "Your body will be healthier and you could be not lazy. Be-

cause if you are healthy, you can grow better and it's good for your body."

What do people need to be healthy? "They need to eat healthy food and exercise," Choi, whose favorite sports are soccer and tennis, said.

Specifically, Choi has won a trip to Obama's and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 4th

Annual Health Lunchtime Challenge and Kids' "State Dinner."

Along with 54 other students, Choi has won a July 9 trip to the White House on June 10. The paid-for ticket is round-trip and includes a one-night stay at the Westin Georgetown.

Obama, through the competition, asked students 8 to 12 to create lunch recipes that

followed "MyPlate" nutrition guidelines, meaning that fruits and vegetables make up half of the recipe. The dish should also include whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy.

WGBH by Newman's Own and Newman's Own Foundation is providing this support for kids and families across the nation.

Meet the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court candidates

**Anon**

Preparations for the islands' Liberation Day celebration are underway and leading the fundraising efforts are five beautiful young contestants representing Saipan and the Northern Islands for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court.

A go-getter who loves working on do-it-yourself projects, Mary Jane Anon is an incoming senior at Kagman High School and has been with its Student Council, the school's Prom Committee, and its Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

She plans to enroll in the Northern Marianas College's nursing program and then eventually become a physician.

She currently works at Ocean Productions as a Polynesian dancer. "I love to dance and play volleyball and softball. I have been playing for every school year for three years now," she said.

"I joined as a Royal Court contes-

**Basa**

tant to...help fundraise for the CNMI and become a positive role model as well as for the experience and to [improve] my public speaking skills," said Anon.

"My role model is my mother because she started from scratch and worked her way up...at work. I believe hard work and determination will get you far," she said. Her parents are Rachel Anon and Norlynn Paunes.

Elizabeth Basa, also an incoming senior at Kagman High School, served as junior class president and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"I joined this year's contest because I realized it is a great opportunity. I think it's a great time to reach out to the community and become involved with my island and also to enjoy and create new friendships along the way," said Basa.

"Occupation wise, I would love to become a profiler in law enforcement.

**Camacho**

My role model is my mother because she inspires me to be a better person," she said. Her parents are Patrick and Valerie Camacho.

A member of the Guam National Guard 1224th Engineer Support Company, Stephanie Camacho looks to her parents, Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho and Cathy Casil, for inspiration—her mother for how strong and independent she is and her dad for motivation in sports.

"I just wanted to gain an experience. I have never had done anything like this before and I wanted to show my family that I am willing to take on any challenges," said Camacho.

She loves to play sports, works on her lifeguard skills since she is also a certified lifeguard, and works with her platoon in heavy diesel vehicles.

Graduating from Kagman High School, Ashley Tabilisma was an active member in the school's Japanese Club and American Red Cross Club.

**Tabilisma**

She is also a Polynesian dancer in the Tekanahau Nui troupe and enjoys doing the fire ball dance.

"My ambition is to travel the world so I enjoy different experiences. I joined to help our community and represent our islands," said Tabilisma.

"My role models are my mom for her strength and encouragement and my auntie Tee for her guidance and support," she said.

Her parents are Raymundo and Alicia Carmen Tabilisma.

Representing the Northern Islands for the first time in Royal Court history is Zolenska Yaroitemal. Currently on the Food and Beverage team as a waitress for Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Zolenska plans to continue her studies at the Northern Marianas College with a degree in Criminal Justice. Her parents are Pius and Gina Yaroitemal.

"My role models are my parents because even through struggles, they

**Yaroitemal**

never give up," she smiled.

All the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court contestants are selling raffle tickets to compete for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court and to help raise funds for the 70th Anniversary Liberation Festivities.

For \$1 apiece, you may have a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize, \$5,000 baby grand prize, \$3,000 first place and \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100 other cash prizes.

Only the contestants are selling the raffle tickets up to June 30.

All the contestants will be at Joeten SuperStore this Saturday, June 13, from 10am to 2pm to sell tickets and meet the community.

To buy tickets from each of the contestants, you may also reach them through www.facebook.com/cnmiroyalcourt, email liberationcnmi@gmail.com, or call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208. **(PR)**

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Multipurpose Center, Susupe
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 5/28/15 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2014-3667: Sunleader is proposing to construct and operate a hotel consisting of 34 rooms with a gift shop and amenities. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot #007 D 41, Beach Road in Garapan, between Saipan Oceanview Hotel and Majesty Restaurant. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Conditional Use Application #2015-2143: Pacific Corporation is proposing to operate an auto/ machinery shop to include general maintenance, repairs, body work, painting, rustproofing, car washing & detailing, lubrication, and muffler shop. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot 1865 New-5, behind Pacific Airconditioning and adjacent to Blue Water Homes. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

C. Communications

D. Old Business

E. New Business

1. Office Operations Report (permits/ enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogomoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for Pacific Corporation

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Pacific Corporation is proposing to operate an auto/ machinery shop to include general maintenance, repairs, body work, painting, rustproofing, car washing & detailing, lubrication, and muffler shop. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot 1865 New-5 along Chalan Pale Arnold, behind Pacific Airconditioning and adjacent to Blue Water Homes. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Date: June 25th, 2015, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, June 24th, 2015 or via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2008).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for Sunleader

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Sunleader is proposing to construct and operate a hotel consisting of 34 rooms with a gift shop and amenities. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot #007 D 41/40, along Beach Road in Garapan, between Saipan Oceanview Hotel and Majesty Restaurant. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.

Date: June 25th, 2015, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, June 24th, 2015 or via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

MHS graduates 309 seniors; Choi and Olivos are Top 2

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Marianas High School seniors said “yes” to a daring and fulfilling future at their graduation ceremony yesterday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Class of 2015 was made up about 309 students eager to break out into chant, cheer, or applause yesterday. As a couple of guest speakers put it, this was their last day of school, the end of their days in the Public School System, after completing 20 or more class credits and spending thousands of days in class—from their days in Kindergarten to the crowning moment of their senior year yesterday.

The class’ top student was Esther Choi, the class valedictorian. Following her was salutatorian Jewel Gaviola Olivos. Rounding out the rest of the MHS’ Top 10 were Mobtasim Alam, Angelica Mateo, Havika Mae Farro, Nina Lan, Nana Lan, Jeremi Montenejo, Ann Jeline Manabat, and Zakery Yamagishi. Honorable mentions went to Su Jeong Kim and Vanessa Gramlich.

“As freshmen we couldn’t wait to be seniors who were looked [up to] by all the other classes. As sophomores, we started to feel like we were getting a hand of everything in school. As juniors, we were certain we would be better at being seniors than the current ones. Finally as a senior, it felt like we ruled the school,” said Choi.

“Now that the year is over, we stand before you as a graduating class who entered high school as children but now leaving as adults,” she told the crowd.

“We will push boundaries,” she said.

To her fellow students, she said, “Life is short and it is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life.”

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said what parents love and endeavor to see from



Marianas High School's Top 10 students pose together with their awards and certificates.

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ESTHER CHOI
Valedictorian



JEWEL GAVIOLA OLIVOS
Salutatorian

their children as they leave home is “what they are connecting themselves to.”

As an example of this, she called upon the six students who have enlisted in the U.S.

military to rise for recognition and applause.

“You have 12 years of

learning experience. You did not do it alone,” she said, also calling for applause for teachers and parents.

In his keynote address, former MHS vice principal and teacher John Davis said when he was told he had been chosen to speak, he thought he was being “punked.”

“After all, when I was one of the administrators here at MHS,

many of you spent most of your time either running away from me or hiding from me,” he said.

“Seriously, though, I hold this as a great honor to speak with you and, as the people who invited me will tell you, I was almost brought to tears,” he added.

The former Vietnam War veteran told students that in 1973, while he was still in the military and after “a short stint in the stockade,” he started to reflect on his life and decided to apply to be an astronaut.

“I filled out the forms and sent the paperwork to NASA and after a very, very short wait, I received a very courteous letter denying my request.

“They said I needed to have about 2,800 hours of flight time as a pilot. And the truth is, I didn’t have 2,000 hours of flight time as a passenger. I was disappointed and I went on with my life... And as result I have had a life of extraordinary adventure...and opportunity,” he said.

He told students, “Know this, graduating class: People who never fail at anything aren’t doing anything. Being denied is never the end of the world,” he said. “Sometimes it’s the beginning.”

“In other words, dare! It’s about you. Get out there and get yours.”

He told students to dare to fail, dare to get up, and dare to try again. The students responded to each of his statement with a “yes.”

“Dare to be great,” David said.

Legislators seek to settle ‘lack of action’ on bills

The heads of the House of Representatives and Senate of the 19th Legislature have initiated moves to address the apparent lack of action on both sides on a number of bills.

Senate President Victor C. Hocog (Ind-Rota) said he and House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) will sit down and meet with committees heads to discuss the matter and expedite action on some bills.

After a Senate session last Thursday, Hocog noted that the Senate has currently passed 16 bills, all of which are still awaiting House approval.

Hocog said as far as the Senate is concerned, their respective Senate committees are now “looking into” some House bills.

“We do our work, and hopefully they [House of Representatives] will do theirs,” Hocog said.

Members of the House of

Representatives in a House session also on the same day last week passed 10 bills, which will then be transmitted to the Senate.

Some bills focus on infrastructure funding, tourism, and utilities, among others.

The House session last week also tackled two bills that the House Committee on Ways and Means recommended for passing.

One was H.B.19-5, which seeks to “grant the Secretary of Finance or his or her designee the authority to classify new products for taxation purposes; and for other purposes.”

Another is H.B. 19-7, seeking to amend the CNMI’s “Developer Infrastructure Tax Act.”

Reviving HB 19-21

Rep. Blas Jonathan “B.J.” T. Attao (Ind-Saipan), meanwhile, said he will continue to push

for House Bill 19-21, which is still with the Ways and Means Committee.

Attao said he plans to revive the bill at the next House session.

Attao’s bill cites that the actual distribution of the casino license fee as stated in Public Law 18-56 is not enough to make up for the 25 percent cut in the pension of all government retirees.

“The Commonwealth needs approximately \$17 million to pay in full the 25 percent reduction that was included in the Settlement Fund. Additionally, the Commonwealth will not receive the license fee on the fifth year, which means that retirees will again lose the entire 25 percent of their pension,” Attao explained.

He said H.B. 19-21 “replaces the fifth year with the 40th year of license payment,

which will be a plus for the casino [since] GDP calculations and the dollar value in the future will increase and a plus for the retirees as their pensions will be a continuous payment from the license fee.”

Explaining the license fee distribution, Attao said the distribution of the first \$30 million includes approximately \$25 million to make up for the 25 percent that was deducted from the retirees’ pensions to include the back payment for fiscal year 2014, \$2 million to the First Senatorial District, \$2 million to the Second Senatorial District, and \$1 million to the Third Senatorial District.

He said his concern is that “retirees’ pension payment as stated above will not be the complete 25 percent, which is the intent of Public Law 18-56.” (Joel Pinaroc)

Tax official testifies about Ada couple’s tax records

»Records show that couple got some payments from gambling winnings

Pauline DLG. Kapileo, acting manager for the Division of Tax and Revenue Compliance Section, completed yesterday her testimony in the ongoing jury trial in federal court of Leyda I. Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband, Melvin, to perpetrate a health care fraud exceeding \$1.7 million.

Kapileo testified about the Ada couple’s tax return records. Kapileo began her testimony on Tuesday afternoon and resumed yesterday.

After Kapileo completed her testimony, the prosecution called its 12th witness, Irene Mafnas of First Hawaiian Bank. Mafnas testified about the deposits and withdrawals from the Ada couple’s bank accounts.

The trial will resume this morning, Thursday.

Kapileo testified, among other things, that based on the tax records, the Ada couple received some payments from gambling winnings.

The prosecution introduced

as evidence the Ada couple’s Territorial Individual Income Tax Returns from 2004 through 2011 (joint tax returns), Melvin Ada’s filing of Business Gross Revenue Tax Monthly Returns for Shop 670/Blaze N Entertainment from February through July of 2011, Leyda Ada’s filing of Business Gross Revenue Tax Monthly Return for Island Trendz/Blaze N Entertainment for August 2011, and Leyda Ada’s mother, Rosa Ichichara’s filing of Business Gross Revenue Tax Monthly Returns for LKR Rosa Corp. from August of 2011 through September of 2012.

According to the prosecution, the joint tax returns are relevant because they make it more probable than not that Leyda Ada knew the financial transactions occurring after July 5, 2011, involved criminal proceeds as opposed to legitimate income.

The prosecution alleged that the Island Trendz/Blaze N Entertainment BGRT filed by Leyda Ada during that one month is relevant because it shows her performing a direct act in furtherance of the money laundering conspiracy. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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REPORTER

Saipan Southern High School graduated about 143 seniors Tuesday afternoon, with the graduating class choosing the theme “A thousand memories on the road” to acknowledge their time spent as friends and classmates during their four years of high school.

The theme was taken from a song called *Home*, which the students also sang during the ceremony.

Yijia Zhao was named the valedictorian of the graduating class.

The salutatorian, or as he joked in his speech, “first place loser,” was Jun Seo Allen Park.

Following the top two students were Emily Dewitt, Joann Bandalas, Hyun Bin Hwang, Katrina Punzulan, Ye Young Kim, Sarah Kim, Jin Pyo Jeon, and Yvonne Indalecio.

Tuesday’s keynote speaker was Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres, who reminded students that this was their “last day of class.”

“That’s it, *pancit*,” he said. “But your days of learning are not done,” he added. “Your responsibility to learn” continues in work, college, and in relationships, he said.

Despite being called “young, naïve, or inexperienced,” there is “no measurement for where you can go,” Torres said, noting that he was also called those things during his run for lieutenant governor.

Calling his chances of delivering their keynote address as a lieutenant governor “unlikely,” Torres described growing up with a mother who worked two jobs with a family of five boys who lived in one small room.

He said when he moved to the U.S mainland at age 12, he was shorter, darker, and admit-

Zhao, Park lead 143 SSHS graduates



DENNIS B. CHAN
The top 10 students of the graduating class of Saipan Southern High School pose with their awards and certificates.



YIJIA ZHAO
Valedictorian



JUN SEO ALLEN PARK
Salutatorian

ted he was bullied. “Words matter,” he said. But “for those people who tell you, you can’t do something,” give them four words, he said, “I can do this.”

The seniors then echoed the

governor, saying, “I can do this” as a crowd. They then turned to each other and said, “You can do this” together.

Education leaders also commended the students getting through their four years in

high school.

“Let your success serve as an inspiration for students who come after...Let your drive” be “the means to provide opportunities for others,” Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero said.

He told the seniors they were entering a “vastly new journey” and wished them well.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan urged students to “cherish what has been given to you.”

“Saipan is going to be here and the CNMI is going to be here waiting for you, because we know you can come back” and give to your community, she said.

The senior’s class song,

Home, was a 2014 song by Naughty Boy. It goes: “It’s been a good year, will be a long day, Before we lay our heads down to rest, and if those tears come rolling down, I’ll pull you close to me, and tell you we’ll be back there again. Won’t be a long time, won’t be a long time...Till we get back home.”

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BANK OF GUAM,) Civil Action
) No. 11-0119
Plaintiff,)
vs.) NOTICE OF
) HEARING ON
) PLAINTIFF'S
MOSES M. SAN NICOLAS,) MOTION FOR
Defendant.) DEFAULT
) JUDGMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of April, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk


Kanoa Resort
Saipan

(1) LIFEGUARD
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to swim and have an outgoing personality and the ability to motivate with enthusiasm. Proposed ideas or find ways to improve services, systems and/or procedures. Direct and lead activities for guests of all ages. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Must be able to work flexible hours including nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Requires one or two years of satisfactory performance as a Maintenance Coordinator; or any combination of related education and experience in the assigned area; or up to four (4) years of college courses in civil engineering, construction management or related field. Ability to interpret and administer contracts for construction, and/or operational services. Must be able to work flexible hours including nights, weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than June 12, 2015. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Disabilities are urged to apply.

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-002

Supply, Fabrication and Delivery of Brown Tree Snake Traps

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Supply, Fabrication and Delivery of Brown Tree Snake Traps**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 04, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 11, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 18, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-15-IFB-002"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **June 25, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **June 25, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 25, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 01, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 01, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **June 25, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Ninety (90) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (US\$150.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ RICHARD B. SEMAN
Secretary of Department of Land & Natural Resources

Justices hear appeal vs kidnapping, rape convictions

The CNMI Supreme Court heard yesterday the appeal of Michael Anthony Jackson, who wants to reverse his conviction and sentence of 40 years and six months in prison for kidnapping and raping a 15-year-old girl on Saipan.

Chief Justice Alex C. Castro and associate justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos later placed the matter under advisement.

Attorney Mun Su Park argued as court-appointed counsel for Jackson. Assistant attorney general Graef Clayton argued for the government's opposition.

Jackson is making the appeal on the claim that Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho made several errors during the trial and abused his discretion by imposing the maximum sentence.

Jackson appeals his conviction for kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, and assault.

On April 26, 2013, the jury found Jackson guilty of kidnapping and sexual assault in the first degree. Camacho, who decided on the misdemeanor charge, also found Jackson guilty of assault.

Police said the girl was walking along Tun Joaquin Doi

Road in Fina Sisu from an Internet café and was on her way home on Oct. 9, 2010, at about 1am when Jackson forced her into his car, brought her to an open field at the Saipan International Airport, and raped her inside his car. He then forced the girl to smoke methamphetamine or "ice."

The girl later managed to run away, police said.

On May 15, 2013, Camacho

slapped the then-34-year-old Jackson with a maximum prison term of 40 years and six months without possibility of parole.

Jackson appealed. He asked the CNMI high court to reverse his convictions and remand the matter for a new trial, or in the alternative for re-sentencing.

In Jackson's appeal brief, his then-counsel, assistant public defender Michael Sato, argued that Camacho erred by reading the elements of the charges as part of the jury instructions at the beginning of the proceedings, prior to the introduction of any evidence.

Sato said the introduction of the elements instructions should have been reserved for the end of the trial, after the parties had presented their cases.

Sato said the judge erred by allowing the then-17-year-old victim to testify via closed-circuit television, violating Jackson's right to confront his accuser, as provided by the Sixth Amendment.

Finally, Sato argued that in the absence of a presentence report, or sufficient evidence of mitigating or aggravating factors, the judge imposed the maximum sentence on all counts.

"As a result, Mr. Jackson is entitled to remand for resentencing," the defense lawyer said.

In the government's opposition, then-assistant attorney general James B. McAllister contended that Camacho did

not commit plain error by reading a typo in the jury instructions because the judge promptly and properly corrected the instructions.

McAllister said the judge did not commit plain error in reading the jury instructions at the beginning of trial because the jurors were better informed and better prepared to proceed with trial.

McAllister said the judge correctly interpreted the statute because the term "child" is easily understood as anyone under the age of 18. He said the judge correctly applied the statute because the victim suffered great emotional trauma testifying in open court.

McAllister said Jackson's right to confrontation was not violated because the judge used the least invasive means to accommodate the girl and Jackson and his lawyer were still present in the courtroom when she testified.

He added that the judge did not abuse his discretion in denying a presentence investigation report because the defense adequately informed the court of mitigating factors and Jackson has failed to show prejudice.

McAllister said Camacho did not abuse his sentencing discretion because Jackson's criminal history and the facts of this case justify serious punishment. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Acting Joeten Kiyu Public Library director Erlinda Naputi and staff receive a \$1,000 donation from Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz and his family.

Family donates to public library

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REPORTER

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library was recently presented with a cash donation from the family of Dr. Ignacio T. Dela Cruz, D.V.M.

According to acting library director Erlinda Cabrera Naputi, the \$1,000 donation came from Dela Cruz, his wife Victoria F. Dela Cruz,

and their children.

"On behalf of the staff and management of JKPL, we would like to thank Dr. Dela Cruz and his family for their humble gesture and kind contribution," Naputi said. "The Joeten Kiyu Public Library acknowledges the great importance of private gifts and donations to the library's future development and growth."

According to Naputi, the donation will be used for the enrichment of the library's programs as well as to procure new books and other library needs.

Prior to the cash donation, the Dela Cruz family also provided help in repairing the library's water pump.

"We would also like to thank Dr. Dela Cruz for providing the manpower needed

to help repair JKPL's water pump and making sure that our restrooms are open and ready for our patrons to use," Naputi said.

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is eligible to receive cash contributions under the educational tax credit program.

"We welcome monetary contribution to enhance library services through the delivery of additional materials, equipment and services, as well as other types of gifts such as books," Naputi said.

NCD survey to be partnered with CNMI Behavioral Health Survey

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REPORTER

A surveillance survey seeking to measure the prevalence of non-communicable diseases in the Commonwealth will be included in the CNMI Behavioral Health Survey, according to Becky Robles, administrator of the Division of Public Health-NCD Bureau.

Robles said the survey is scheduled for implementation in early August this year.

The CNMI Behavioral Health Survey captures the national outcome measure indicators for adult substance abuse and includes additional indicators related to mental health and the smoke-free law, Public Law 16-46.

Robles said it will be a population-based survey that will

result in better and accurate data on the adult prevalence base rates for high blood pressure, high blood sugar, and body mass index or BMI.

"The NCD survey will be partnered with the CBHS that the Community Guidance Center implements every two years. The survey will ask questions about diet and exercise among other questions as well as take blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol readings and height and weight measurements," Robles said.

"The exciting aspect of this survey is that it will provide us with the very much needed population-based, adult data in relation to NCDs in the CNMI," she added.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and its subsidiary

division, DPH, along with the soon-to-be revived NCD Task Force and the NCD Alliance, will conduct the survey.

This helps CHCC-DPH so the corporation will then be able to say that this is that percentage of the population they've come up with for better programs to be implemented and for a more effective way to prevent NCDs.

The survey also aims to garner more accurate statistics that is highly needed for the Pacific region because the CNMI lacks the numbers it needs to guide policy decisions governing health issues. Much of the current data are from four or more years ago or different organizations have different numbers.

"We will be able to go beyond anecdotal observations of the NCD issues in the CNMI

and instead have solid evidence of the actual issues. This information will help better guide our programs to address the NCD needs of the community," Robles said.

The survey will have roughly 60 questions, while the CBHS will have more than 50 questions.

"It is our hope that the people in the community see the need for this survey and are willing to cooperate if they are selected to be a part of it," Robles said.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said that this survey will help address a lot of the longstanding issues of NCDs in the CNMI.

"This survey is just one of the many things the departments are working on to address lowering the rates of NCDs," Muña said.

Tinian Dynasty case should send 'strong message' to casino regulators—Tebuteb

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A recent decision by U.S. Department of the Treasury to impose a civil penalty of \$75 million against the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino for "willful and egregious violations" of the Bank Secrecy Act should serve as a warning to casino regulators on Saipan.

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) said he hopes the case "sends a strong message" to casino regulators and to potential investors that there is a watchdog looking over the casino industry in the CNMI.

"I'd rather that the case sends a strong message to the Commonwealth Casino Commission than to Best Sunshine [International, Ltd.]," Tebuteb said.

There are still lingering questions over the responsibilities of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission regarding the case, and as of yesterday, the commission has yet to comment on the Tinian Dynasty case.

Although it is a separate commission, Tebuteb said the lesson there is that regulators should be wary and that the Tinian Dynasty case serves as a "warning."

The lawmaker said some of the Saipan commissioners have been "mingling" with top executives of BSI and, although

this has nothing to do with bank secrecy laws, it is still highly questionable.

Last week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network assessed the civil penalty of \$75 million against Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

FinCEN Director Jennifer Shasky Calvery determined that HKE failed to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program to ensure ongoing compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act.

Hong Kong Entertainment is facing criminal charges on the same issue.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 10th birthday to our sweetheart, Kynalynn Nona Ann Borja! May the good Lord shower you with all His blessing and we hope you enjoy your day. We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Mickaenna, and Aaron.

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NSDA hosts successful showcase before nat'l trip



High school student members of the CNMI National Speech and Debate Association pose for a photo after their showcase on Tuesday evening at Church 360.

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Sixteen high school speech and debate champions will be traveling to Dallas, Texas, this week to represent the islands in various speech categories at the weeklong National Speech and Debate Association tournament.

Parents, family, and friends kept quiet while students took to

the stage at Church 360 to perform their pieces in their respective categories during the team's Tuesday night showcase.

"I thought the students did an excellent job," said speech coach Joylynn Jones. "They spent many hours preparing for their events and their hard work really paid off. I am looking forward to a great trip!"

The students will be traveling

'Reforming policies, reducing recidivism needed to further fight crime in the NMI'

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Aside from community involvement, reforming policies and reducing recidivism are needed in the CNMI to be able to further fight crime, according to Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero.

Speaking at the Rotary Club Saipan's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on Tuesday, the DPS chief said that public policy laws such as the Criminal Code and the Vehicle Code need to be updated and rewritten.

"A lot of our laws are significantly outdated. Some of our laws, unfortunately, were written as far back as 1962 and were carried over when the CNMI became a commonwealth in 1978," Deleon Guerrero said.

According to him, "serious changes" have to be made in some of these laws.

Deleon Guerrero said they are working on a project with the Office of the Attorney General to have the opportunity to rewrite these outmoded codes.

Focusing on crimes such as burglary, Deleon Guerrero said they are hoping that a bill now pending in the Legislature that

amends mandatory prison terms will be passed.

"The problem here in the CNMI is how the criminal justice system works is simply this: serve one-third of your sentence and you're eligible for parole," Deleon Guerrero said. "The bottom line is this: we need to be able to put away people much longer."

However, Deleon Guerrero also noted that putting criminals in jail is not the only way to solve crimes.

"Incarceration is not the only answer. The other part of this is that the Department of Corrections still has to have an active rehabilitation [program] in place in order for us to succeed in this fight to be able to reduce crime overall, in the long term," Guerrero said.

He noted that a high 79 percent recidivism rate prevails in the CNMI.

He said programs such as vocational training, basic education courses, and more importantly, employment opportunities when they are granted freedom must be offered and provided for those in prison.

"We can't really expect robbers and thieves to stop what they are doing if we don't offer them employment at the end of the cycle," Deleon Guerrero said.

to the U.S. mainland after garnering enough points to qualify for the regional speech tilt and winning first in their category among dozens of other public and private school students. The speech categories range from poetry and prose to United States extemporaneous speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Student orator Ariane Reyes, who will be representing the islands in poetry, told *Saipan Tribune* that she feels profoundly blessed and honored to be a part of a driven and determined team.

"My goal...is to be able to

make the most out of it, since it's my first time flying to the mainland, while having my eyes on the prize, which is to at least get to semifinals," she said.

Veteran speech competitor Yujin Lee expressed similar sentiments.

"I am really grateful that I was once again given the opportunity to represent the CNMI in the national speech and debate competition this year. I hope that I can learn and improve throughout the process of competing in the national," Lee said. "The national speech and

debate association has been a significant part of my life, and I hope to do my best alongside our great team this year.

Kagman student Elizabeth Rose Jones said she too is looking forward to the national tilt as a freshman orator. "I am very honored to be on the CNMI team. My hope is that I can do my very best in Texas and learn a lot in the process! I'm very excited to have such a great opportunity," she added.

School coaches as well as speech and debate board representative Mary Angela

Wheat and Pacific-Island District chair Harold Easton were in attendance and addressed parents' questions about the competition and trip.

The national speech competition is considered the largest speech and debate tournament in the nation. Thousands of high school students from around the globe take part in its diverse speech categories every year.

Fourteen students from the National Junior Speech and Debate Association on island will also be in Texas for the competition.

Festival of Pacific Arts 2016: One-year countdown begins

The clock has begun ticking for the 2016 edition of the Festival of Pacific Arts.

On May 22, 2015, the Festival of Pacific Arts Coordinating Committee, along with Gov. Eddie B. Calvo, FestPac Coordinating Committee honorary chair Christine Calvo, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community kicked off the one-year countdown until the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts officially begins.

"Our island will be the center for the arts and culture of the Pacific in 2016. We are rolling out welcome mats and polishing up our island gem so it will shine brighter when the local and international communities come together for the Festival of Pacific Arts," said Gov. Calvo.

Guam will be hosting 27 island nations from across the Pacific for what is called the "Olympics of Pacific Arts" and the largest cultural event to take place in the island's history from May 22 to June 4, 2016.

The location for the world-class event will be in the heart of Guam's capital of Hagatña at the Paseo de Susana Park. Millions of dollars are being invested to prepare facilities so that Guam

can appropriately welcome and host the thousands of people expected to participate in FestPac. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the Paseo Stadium, while a Festival Village will be constructed next to the Chamorro Village for the visiting island nations. Through federal grants and already budgeted funding, renovations to the Paseo Stadium, Guerrero Softball Field, Guam Seal Park, Guam Fishermen's Co-op and Paseo Recreation Center will soon be underway. Additionally, lighting and landscape improvements will be made, including the installation of the Guam Fishermen's platform. All of the updated facilities will complement the newly restored Plaza De Espana and soon to be completed Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility, or Guam Museum.

"Guam's capital city will definitely be the hub for all the visiting island nations to experience FestPac," said first lady Christine Calvo. "Through this next year, we will continue to extend our invitation to the entire global community to visit Guam in 2016. We are honored to host an event that unites the different cultures of the Pacific

on our island paradise."

"We look forward to welcoming the various delegations and for people of all walks of life to immerse themselves in the culture and arts of the Pacific," said FestPac Coordinating Committee chair and GVB general manager Nathan Denight. "Our FestPac committees are working hard to prepare for this once in a lifetime opportunity and we want our local community to feel proud and excited that this prestigious gathering will begin one year from now."

The theme for FestPac 2016 is, "Håfa Iyo-ta, Håfa Guinaha-ta, Håfa Ta Pätte, Dinanña Sunidu Siha Giya Pasifiku," which translates to "What we own, what we have, what we share – United Voices of the Pacific."

SPC is the custodian of the Festival of Pacific Arts, which has been held every four years since the inaugural festival was staged in Fiji in 1972.

Speaking from the organization's headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, the SPC Director-General, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga, paid tribute to the impressive early progress made by the FestPac Coordinating Committee.

"The government of Guam

is driving the preparations and planning through committed leadership and much enthusiasm towards hosting the delegations from 26 Pacific countries and territories," Tukuitonga said.

"The fact this festival has grown over more than 40 years to become a world-class cultural exchange and celebration of the rich diversity of Pacific Island communities is a testament to the host governments, the region's cultural producers and to the thousands of people who come along and support it," he said.

The large-scale cultural event gives Guam an incredible economic and socio-cultural opportunity to truly showcase the arts and culture of the region through various exhibits, forums, performances and workshops. For more information on Guam's preparations, log on to www.guamfestpac2016.com.

The Festival of Pacific Arts is a traveling festival that is hosted every four years by a different country in the Pacific and features delegations from 27 participating island nations. FestPac was conceived by SPC to stop the erosion of traditional practices by sharing and exchanging culture. (SPC)



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Saving matters: But not enough Americans put money aside

Do you have a retirement account? Enough money in savings?

Many Americans don't, according to the Federal Reserve's annual household survey, which found that nearly a third of workers have put away nothing for old age and that almost half of individuals would struggle to meet emergency expenses of \$400 or more.

The survey shows encouraging developments, too: Compared with the past two years, more people today forecast short-term pay increases and register satisfaction with the state of their personal finances.

But much of the news remains mixed, especially as it relates to savings and retirement. Twenty percent of individuals acknowledged having spent more than they earned over the course of the year. Only 63 percent said they had put away money in the same period. And 39 percent of workers reported not having given any thought to retirement plans.

Economic hardship appears to be the main culprit behind these problems; not surprisingly, low-income individuals reported the greatest difficulties in saving. But poor financial literacy also seems to be a factor.

Fourteen percent of those who borrowed to pay for their education said they put debt on their credit card. Twenty percent of individuals did not have a bank account, and instead used other methods to transact business. These are foolhardy choices considering the high interest rates on credit-card debt and alternative financial services, such as payday lending.

Given these troubling statistics, banks and schools should do more to educate Americans about long-term financial planning. To its credit, the Social Security Administration already does so with online tools that enable workers to gauge their benefits upon retirement.

But people also need to take greater control of their financial futures. For too many, the money choices that seem convenient today could prove catastrophic tomorrow.

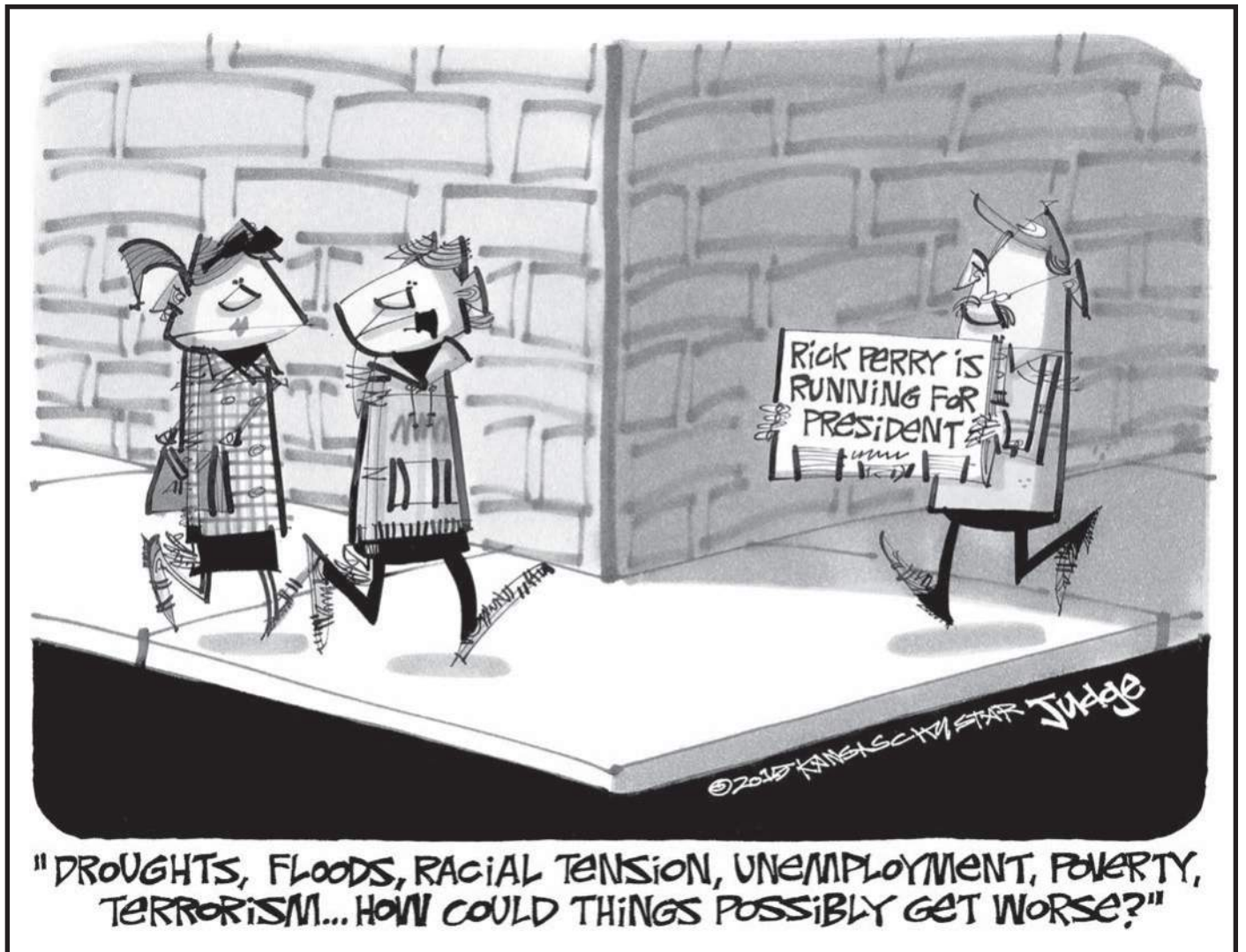
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The FBI owes the public answers about its planes

Confronted with questions about low-flying planes registered to mysterious companies, the FBI has admitted it maintains a fleet of aircraft, registered with bogus names, that it uses for surveillance without warrants. It defends the practice as necessary in its efforts to keep Americans safe. But Americans' civil liberties need safeguarding, too, and the secret air force sounds like more unjustifiable overreach by a federal agency.

The Associated Press reported last week that it has linked 50 airplanes to the FBI, despite registration under dummy names

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Behind the eight ball

Ed Stephens of this page sometime ago brought out a list of 8 verbs. I wondered how he got to 8 rather than lucky 7, 9, or 11. He is not even Chinese though he wrestles the *Hanzi* down, whose word for 8 is *ba*, a homonym for "happiness and prosperity," explaining to the curious the preponderance of 8 in choices of P.O. box numbers and vehicular tags in Sinosphere and Saipan.

We count by base-10, the decimal system. Base-2—binary count using 0 and 1—is reliable but cumbersome; photo editing uses base-16, hexadecimal, that has digits 0 to 9 followed by the letter A to F for the first 16, then 10 to 19 followed by 1A to 1F plus 20, for the next 16. We shy away from those exact languages and stick to rugged human discourse, imprecise as that is.

Tardigrada or Waterbear, the creature in the language studios of Shenyang and Saipan that I am associated with, is an eight-legged microorganism. Spiders have the same number of legs. Society also keeps 8-counts and 8-shapes close to its chest. The lady at the beach is a figure 8, horizontal 8 is "infinity," and a reclining 8 takes minds to faded shadows!

Base-8 is a system of counting that uses an eight digit system, 0 to 7. Numbers "8" and "9" do not exist, digits are as follows: 0 to 7 are the first eight, the next is base doubled (8.8=64), and the next is cubed (8.8.8=512), then to the fourth (8.8.8.8=4096), fifth, sixth, and however far one's calculating machine can take it. This is a way of thinking that a computer game programmer utilizes, though if you ask me how it works we move swiftly on to the next topic.

The late William Buckley, the Rapier Wit of the Right, TV host, prodigious writer who founded one of America's conservative rags, had 8 *verboten* phrases for political journalists. I lived within D.C.'s beltway before he died, and though I was sympathetic to his way of thinking because he encouraged individuals to work out their own thoughts and be accountable for their deeds, we differed in the consequences of our resolves.

Buckley chose 8 for the number of no-no words; he could have conveniently chosen 10. His conservatively-held resolves were culturally conditioned rather than a consequence of clear thinking, IMHO! His choice of 8 rather than the decimal 10, however, revealed to me a mind whose leanings was toward poetry more than the strictures of objective science, my kind of thinker.

His rants against government stems from a distrust of group-think shown by the elitist institutions in his neighborhood, Yale and Harvard, thus abandoning any effort to join it. Conversely, I relished being in groupthink to influence and often subvert it, with wild logic and wayward deeds.

Even Kalihi-bred former Honolulu mayor Mufi Hanneman of German-Samoan descent who just began writing for *Tribune's* opinion page as "Marianas Matters" notes in his bio that he was

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Harvard-educated, though I was more impressed that he was a Kiwi in NZ at Wellington University.

We welcome the Honolulu mayor into the ST table! (My driver's license address is Ewa Beach so Mufi was once my mayor!) We, too, think the Marianas matters. We write to effect paradigm shifts and change models. As Buckminster Fuller said: *You never change things by fighting existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.*

Back to "eight," it is the street word for 3.5 grams of forbidden crystals, costly at the incarceration front and overdose end. Buckley once suggested that if drugs were cost at real market rate, it would be 90 times cheaper than as priced at the black market. Not supportive of the use of drugs, he favored unrestricted markets for its sale!

Eightball is a humorous comic book by Daniel Clowes who illustrates against the mainstream, made into an Academy Award-nominated film in the '90s. Eight is also one of the magic numbers in nuclear physics but not science-literate, I shan't lead you there.

Being "behind the eight ball" is finding oneself in a difficult situation not usually desired. "In a difficult situation" is a plus to Muslim friends that calls them to return to Allah's side. (BTW Mufi is not a Mufti.) *Ayatul Kursi* reminds one that to "remember Allah is to know that Allah will remember you." The Arabic word for "a clear sign of Allah" is "*ayat*" from where the word "*Ayatollah*" (who loves Allah) comes from. *Ayat* is also "love" in my Ilocano dialect!

The metaphor "behind the eight ball" derives from billiards where the black solid splits the table into 1-7 and 9-15 numbered balls. Contestants pocket assigned balls before aiming for the 8. To be behind the eight ball before clearing the table of one's numbers is "being in a difficult place."

I am currently behind the eighth ball ("*shame on you*," a dear one quickly says, "*that is private information*") but given the open-book nature of my existence, it hardly matters. I am not enamored by "eight." It has not brought me closer to Allah, *blessed be the name!* But it has enabled this reflection on my situation and I decided I am happy and prosperous. *Capiche?*

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Chafleg gi tasin ekases

Mampos na chatsaga i appenas moneda gi kahan iya Marianas. I rinikohen aduana mas menos mientras sige ha' hulu' obligasion siha. Estague' ta padedese pa'gu. Gi mismu tiempu tatnai ta huñgog na guaha planu para uma-aregla i te'ug yan sige ha' mafondu na chinatsaga. Este na chinatsaga siempre ha sapet i tautau siha gi señgsoñg gi bandan monedan familia. Pot mas ke dies años taya' hatsada mien-tras i presiun nesessidat siha sige ha' hulu' haf' na pagpag kak-aguetes feria. Manadan pagpag kakaguetes na kontodu i hapechau na cha'ka esta ti espantau. Sumaunau gi feria kulan kombite mientras ta tutu-fuñg sientimos siha ginen halom pottanmoneda-ta. Debi u mueba siha i man-ma' gas gi mafotman planun satbasion yan adelantu. Makat i para tafan a'afatane' haye gai che'chu' fu-motma mauleg na planu para adelanton linahyan.

Haf' Tinanom-mu?

'Nai un' tanom i simiya, un' chule' aksion; 'nai un' tanom aksion un' rikohe bisiu; 'nai un' tanom bisiu un' gu'ot sensia; 'nai un' tanom sensia un' kusecha i chimu. Ti mapot na kuentas mapula' gi matamtam haf' tinanom-mu. Estague' 'nai humalom obligasion saina gi haf' tinanomña gi hatdin familia. Hagu dumisponse it plaset hatdin gi katkuet manera. Poresu na mauleg un' bira hau tatte gi katma na hinassomu para un' li'e' haf' finaposmu. Sumen presisu piot gi krene'ansan man-innosiente na famaguon. Ti mapot. Gaige enteramente gi dos pat-man kanaimu. Guinaiya gi famaguon-ta guaha 'nai masge'. Ta letke umonra 'nai mauleg bidaña dispues ta onra 'nai lumache pot no ta insutta siha. Lache na inapagat. Uttimoña ni para u ekuñgog finu' saina esta ti hana' presisu. Lastima sa' guaha 'nai tinetpe ti amtiyon i chetnot 'nai tafalalague. Rikonose tinanom-mu. 'An guaha ti man-doku' simiya pues dis-embra. Cha' mu mamasa' gumuagwat i patgon gi linachña. Siem-

pre ha komprende haf' finono'mu sa' guiya lokue' malagu na una mauleg-gue' na patgon gi mañainaña. Seguruyu' na kumu saina malagu' hau lokue' dumeskansa mau-leg. Ayu mina' tanum mauleg na sensia sa' siempre un' kusecha i chimu kontentu.

Tomtum Na Hobensitu

Ha bisitayu' un' tomtum yan menhalom na estudiante. Fuera de ka-lagtos hu tamtam na taduñg man-hassu. Era interesau kumetuñgu' 'nos kuantos asunto-ta siha gi mapas na kuarenta años yan manu na patte 'nai kulan sumehayu'. Huñgan, i idat sumede hit mas pinasen-sia lau guaha un' asunto 'nai man-aka'yu' mahetog. Pot patgon tanu' dañkulu na diniseha i para bai' gai bos gi kinalamten tano'-ta. Bai' fama i mauleg yan fan apagat gi ti ma-ñgombene siha na pinetsige. I hinalom kuattru na nasion guine tat ti chumoneg kumefunas modun linala'ta natibu kontodu liñguahe. Tailaye na heñiu i para u safe kulan basula i dignu yan onrun natibu lau hita i man-dueñu yan petmanente na tautau este siha na islas. Estague' un' paladañg gi es-pirituhu i malañgag tratamienton ga'ga' gi natibu. Na ti man-tautau hit lokue' taimanu ha' siha? Fuetsau luma'la' i natibu gi halom ñañgon na fina' liheñg pot no umapunu' pot fuminu' Chamorro. Gi todú kinalamten ni unabes na pot adelantun linala' natibu. Taya' respetu gi haf' modun linala' an-tigu na mañainata. Ti dispensayun este na finatinas kontra tautau-ta. Estague' muna' malala'et paladathu. Gi halom inkabukau na modun lina'la' umeyag i natibu inadap-tan otro kustumbren lina'la' pot proteksioña. Este ha' 'nai siña hana' safun maisague'. Sige mona, hita gumu'ot talen disposision gumobietnan maisa hit. Gi hilu' chatfitme na kabisiyu, sulun halom programan federat siha ni kumatsu i fatsu na disision kabisiyu. Poresu na i kinalam-tenta haf' na chalan pagyu 'nai ti tuñgu'on manu ha falalague. Ha faisenyu' kau gai esperansayu' gi hinanau iya Marianas? Hu

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oppe huñgan pot mampos i sisteman demokrasiya ñaba' tumo'a gi ramas troñku. Tinaka' tiempu yan edukau na sudadanu para u ma-esgaihon mona fitme hinanau-ta. Lau dididi' triste ni guaha siha na sinisede gi rimulinon politika guine. Masusesede ya hita ha' ni pub-liku siña tumulaika. Umadespide ham ya kontentuyu' sa' fahagot na estudiante i malagu' lokue' mañgge' pot tautau-ta yan tano'ta.

Maliñgon Tradision

I usun chenchulu gi makone' atulai, mañahag yan otro siha salungai guihan patte gi kustumbren tanu'. Makatga i chenchulu gi boti para uma'aligau i salungai. 'Nai masoda' matampe, marikohe ya ma-chule' halom gi kanton unai. Mapatten ñaihon gi haye mañauunau yan gaige. Gi señgsoñg, man-mapatte i bisinu siha gi hilu' kustumbreta komunida i ina'ayuda unu kumu i otro. Guaha tetcheña i familia fresku na guihan. Maseha dididi' lau enfin mana' fan manage. Humalom dispues areglon federat ni pumunu' este na kutturan natibu. Ni unu tumachu para u kontesta man-baban areglu ni direk-tamiente ha funas hagas kustumbre guine. Tinatiye este ni maprohi-ben fanihi pot umappenas. Man-malefa na i natibu gai konsensia ya ti atrebisau gi destrosiun minan tanu' ni hana' sesetbe kumu mantension. Libianu masueta lau ni unu malagu' umatisa direchun natibu.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Needed: A champion for the CNMI

William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* is considered one of his darkest and most powerful works. Set in Scotland, the play illustrates the damaging physical and psychological effects of political ambition on those who seek power for its own sake. Macbeth is a great example of why all politicians should be dedicated to being champions for the people and not for their own political future or personal gain. One of the things I can remember teaching my students was that the CNMI has yet to see its first great leader with achievements above and beyond those who have gone before. Yes, the CNMI has seen some very successful leaders but the great one like an FDR, JFK or MLK has yet to appear. Given the great potential for greatness to be achieved in the CNMI, there is a real shortage of leaders who are willing to be great and carry the ball across the goal line on the tough but significant issues.

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such as FVX Research, NBR Aviation and PXW Services. Since late April, the news organization documented more than 100 flights in 11 states, covering cities and rural communities. The secretive nature of the program prevents the public from knowing what information the FBI is gathering and what is done with the pictures and data it collects. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, has asked FBI director James Comey Jr. to explain the purpose of the air fleet, as well as the technological capabilities of the planes, to the House Judiciary Committee by June 12. While acknowledging the bureau is known to use planes in criminal investigations, Grassley told reporters he has concerns about warrantless intrusion into private and public space, as well as the invention of companies to hide ownership of the planes. Given Americans' increasing concern about Big Brother tactics in the endless war on terror, the AP report gives fresh cause for worry. Sophisticated technology that can help keep Americans safe can also erode fundamental liberties. In short, even watchdogs need watching. The FBI may have very good reasons for what looks like unnecessary deceit. Let's hear them.

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I will say that the Governor has been the most recent leader in the past decade to put their political future on the line for an issue (the casino) that might even be considered great by some but we won't know that for sure until the casino is built and operating and we actually see the reality of its benefits and adversities. So in reality, since the creation of the garment industry, the CNMI has yet to see something great for all the people and the CNMI. Yes, there have been a lot of progress and accomplishments but we are still behind the times in many areas and there has been nothing that one might consider great! Instead, what we have witnessed is politics as usual for the past decade or more, with the same critical issues going back and forth but never being fully resolved. One critical issue after another is constantly being put on the back burner and some have even been tossed out of the window. Issues that could change and improve the CNMI are sitting idle and even forgotten about until the feds reminds us or forces us to do something. I have often mentioned how politics is the ultimate team sport but like any sport and team, the CNMI needs a genuine star political player who can put the team on its back and champion issues to take us to new places and heights that we have never seen or been before. The problem is no one wants to carry the ball and score on all the critical plays (issues) that have the potential to make a big difference. Our leaders have done a decent job of making laws to govern over the CNMI but have fallen way short in making the hard decisions to create laws that will develop, grow, and transform the CNMI into the modern society! No leader picked up the ball or took a shot on Article 12 to score for the people when the real estate market is one of the biggest part of any state's economic infrastructure and foundation. No one picked up the ball to save the Retirement Fund and look who is over the Fund now—the feds. No leader has put into effect a complete plan by law to ensure we do all we can to achieve maximum transition of locals into the workforce (telling PSS, NMC, and the trade school what to do in a meeting is not going to get it done). No leader tried to champion minimum wage for the people, which is why so many locals are leaving—it took the feds again! No leader picked up the ball or championed the Sugar Dock issue and they even helped protesters chase the ferry investor away. No one picked up the ball on the interisland ferry service either and it was tossed out the window! Pozzolan mining is still on the back burner even after the military threat to use it is real. Complaining about the military is not a solution to life-sustaining infrastructure, transportation and financial support to help the people living on Pagan. No leader has even tried to champion CUC and the government's debt and our future power system needs just one emergency after another and now the feds are demanding we hire the right people to run CUC. No wonder CUC is in trouble with major management missing in action. Our Legislature turned CHC into a corporation and then


took away over 90 percent of its funding, almost killing CHC when someone should have been trying to be a champion for CHC! I could go on and on but I think the message is clear—no one is championing the tough and critical issues facing the CNMI, just putting them on the back burner until the feds step in. Heck, every politician swears they support education but there hasn't been a teacher rep on the Board of Education since I refused to run for a second term and this is a constitutional requirement—so who really cares about teachers and education enough to step forward? No one wants to do something great for the people, just politics as usual with the safe and noncontroversial issues and arguing over rules and other menial stuff but never addressing the tough issues with new laws until they have to or when they are forced to by the feds! Culturally and traditionally one might look to or think the Governor is the one that will do something great for the CNMI but that is not necessarily the case as any member of our political team can score for the people of the CNMI. The problem in the CNMI has been getting a leader who is not afraid and wants to carry the ball to champion issues for the people because you can't score for the people if you are scared to carry the ball. So for whom does this bell for greatness toll? It tolls for everyone in our Legislature and for our two top executives to do something great by addressing and fully resolving some of those critical issues I just mentioned that are in the back burner or have been tossed out the window. So who will emerge as a champion for the CNMI or will there be one at all? It only takes one to score and make a difference in our quality of life in the Commonwealth. I just pray this will inspire at least one as this bell tolls for thee! There has been too much avoiding the tough and controversial issues by our leaders but they need to know that controversy actually signals the beginning of change and improvements that are very often proven to be great! Starting with the founding of America right through to the civil rights movement, it has been the championing of controversial issues that propelled America to become one of, if not the greatness, nation on Earth. Leaders who want to do great things for the people should and will embrace controversy that can stand on the principles and values of America and its merits because you will prevail for the people and your political future, as time and history will forever be on your side! In fact, I know there are people calling me Mr. Controversy behind my back as a put-down and there are some idiots who actually fall for their selfish politics but they don't know it is really a compliment as it puts me in the same realm with the founders of America (revolution), Dr. King (civil rights), FDR (unions), and many other great people who championed controversial issues for the people throughout history. Thank you!

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds
5 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼78°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds
5 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼78°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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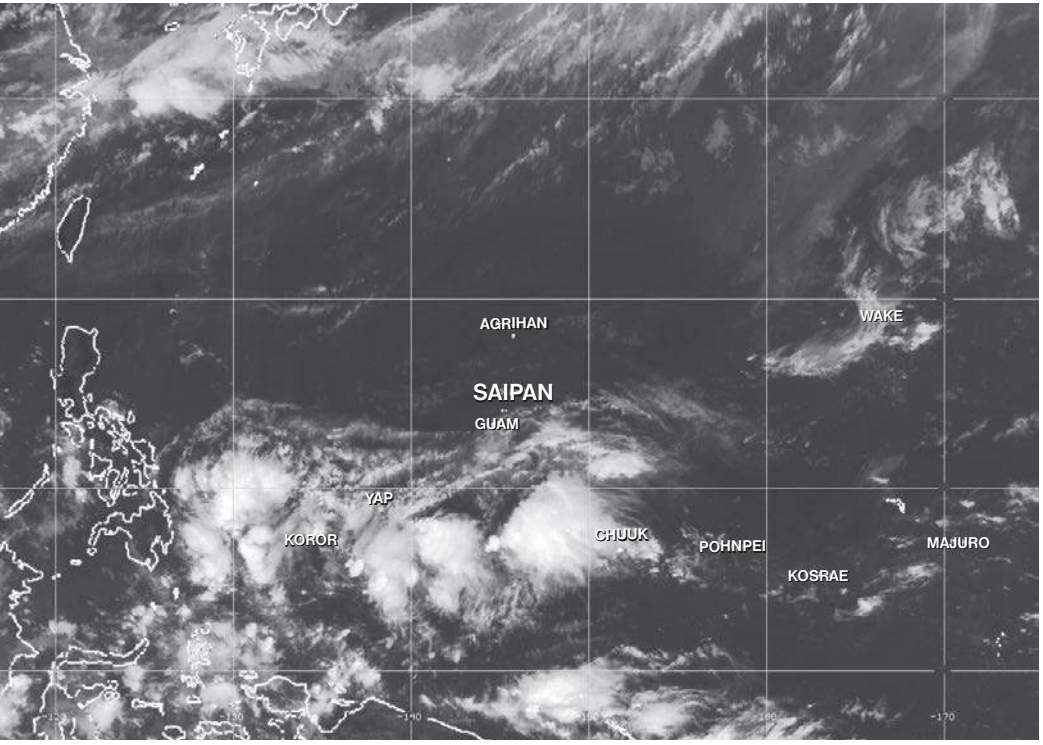
MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Palau near Yap and eastward to near Chuuk between 3N and 12N from 130E to 151E. Trade-wind convergence is producing widely-scattered showers from near Kosrae to northeast of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 4N164E to 9N174E. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island near 22N169E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring north of a line from 23N167E to 23N175E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼52
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89	▼82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼71
London	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲94	▼79
Melbourne	Sunny	▲60	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼71
Osaka	Showers	▲82	▼70
Paris	Thundershowers	▲81	▼59
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼64
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼70
Salem	Sunny	▲84	▼52
San Francisco	Fog	▲68	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼62
Tokyo	Rain	▲78	▼69
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲97	▼76

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
10:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
4:14 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
10:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	1:10 AM	1:40 PM
Friday	1:57 AM	2:37 PM
Saturday	2:45 AM	3:35 PM
Sunday	3:34 AM	4:33 PM
Monday	4:25 AM	5:30 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 28, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:45pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
			9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily	ROTA TO SAIPAN		
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily						
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						



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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Everest Kitchen donates to Nepal quake victims

By **FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA**
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REPORTER

The Everest Kitchen donated almost \$4,000 to Nepal quake victims after holding several fundraising dinners.

Owner Laxmi Shrestha says she is thankful for the community for helping them out.

"I want to thank our friends and family who helped with the fundraising. The Everest Kitchen family thanks the community for their support," Shrestha said.

A total of \$1,590 was raised through three separate dinners held in May. Each guest paid \$25 each for the food.

In addition, Everest Kitchen received \$2,003 in donations, including

\$1,000 from an anonymous donor and generous donations from the Sisters of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Ber-riz-Maturana Community and Saipan Sea Ventures.

Tips from diners who filled the tip jar with donations for Nepal are also included.

A total of \$3,593 was already sent in

late May to humanitarian organizations CARE and Oxfam International, which are doing relief efforts in Nepal.

Dr. Janet McCullough, Dr. Anne Erhard, and Sophie Van Der Maas were among those who helped organize and invite supporters for the event.

According to Shrestha, she continues to receive donations even after the fun-

draisers.

Nepal experienced a devastating magnitude 7.8 quake last April 25 followed by numerous aftershocks including a magnitude 6.8 and another quake last month which was magnitude 7.3 in strength.

More than 8,000 died while 18,000 were injured because of the earthquakes.

Search continues for missing Guam swimmer

SANTA RITA, Guam—Responders continue to search for the missing spear fisherman off of Agat.

Searches were conducted throughout the night by a small boat and patrol boat. Early yesterday morning, a helicopter, shoreline teams, and additional surface craft resumed operations. Yesterday's searches were conducted by a small boat, three divers and two jet skis from Guam Fire Rescue, a small boat,

and shoreline team from Guam Police Department, a helicopter from Naval Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, the 110-foot Coast Guard cutter Washington, and a 45-foot rescue boat from Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor.

Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

In related news, the Coast Guard and Honolulu Fire Department are searching for a missing scuba diver near

Makaha Beach Park, Oahu, Tuesday.

Watchstanders at Sector Honolulu Command Center received notification from one of the divers reporting an overdue 50-year-old male last seen at 8:15pm approximately one mile off Makaha Beach Park.

Watchstanders launched an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point. A 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew from Sta-

tion Honolulu, and Coast Guard cutter Kittiwake, an 87-foot coastal patrol boat homeported in Honolulu, also launched to assist with the search. Also participating in the search are one Honolulu Fire Department dive boat and one jet ski.

HFD established a command post at Keaau Beach Park.

The missing diver, identified as JJ Jackson, was last seen wearing a black full wetsuit and scuba gear. **(USCG)**

6 Rota beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six Rota beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Kokomo Beach Club, Mobil storm drain, East Harbor Dock, District 2 storm drain, Teteto Beach, Swimming Hole.

Samples collected from these loca-

tions contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Rota's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**



Severely damaged church in Garapan during the invasion in June 1944. Note the only remaining part of the church is the bell tower. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Day of Recollection on Sunday

June 15, 1944, a date that's 71 years distant from today, is a day the people of Saipan will never forget. It was the date when the U.S. Armed Forces began the invasion of Saipan. Some of the residents of Saipan who are still living today will long remember the suffering they experienced during the Invasion of

Saipan, and the eventual change in their lifestyle as a result of the invasion of Saipan by the United States.

On Sunday, at 9:30am, a Holy Mass will be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church and the general public is invited to attend to give thanks to our Creator for protecting us in that time of danger. **(PR)**

Global Wellness Day at the Hyatt

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, Hyatt Regency Saipan will host a day of care and wellbeing for its guests and island residents by taking part in Global Wellness Day.

Global Wellness Day is a special day that reminds the world of the importance of living well, encompassing everything from exercise and beauty treatments, to the harmony between body and spirit.

By saying "yes" to the importance of living well and bringing awareness to the value of life, let us celebrate and share the universal philosophy of caring for all. Hyatt Regency Saipan welcomes you to gather and enjoy its wellness offerings available that day.

■ Club Elan: Complimentary Core Class by the beach at 7am.

■ Club Elan: Buy 2 for the price of 1-day pass.

■ Kili Café and Terrace: Hearty salad lunch buffet that begins at 11:30am.

■ I Sagua Spa: Buy 2 for the price of 1 on all a la carte menu treatments.

As we care and strengthen our bodies through community involvement and activities like Global Wellness Day, we foster healthier awareness and longevity for all. Let us make this day a jumpstart to wellbeing and happier lives.

Reservations are highly recommended. For more information, call 234-1234 Ext. 35. **(Hyatt)**



NEW TEACHER

Vinalynn Deleon Guerrero graduates from Kennesaw State University in Georgia on May 13, 2015, with a Bachelor of Science degree and a major in Secondary Mathematics Education. Duenas has lived in the U.S. mainland since 1998; however, now armed with her college credentials, she plans to return to Saipan to teach and contribute to the overall education initiatives of the CNMI. She graduated from Prince George High School, Virginia and is also an Army veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She deployed to Iraq in 2009-2010 with the Oregon National Guard as a Health Care Specialist, 68W. In addition to her educational accomplishments, she also took the PRAXIS test and passed with flying colors. Her proud parents are Annie and Ben Duenas of Chalan Kiya.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



NEW GRADUATE

Congratulations to Gage Quitugua, who graduated from Inderkum High School in Sacramento, California, on May 28, 2015. His family from Saipan attended the special occasion. From left, Virginia, Audree, Autumn, John, Gage, Spencer, and Lela.

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Business

Airline group suggests smaller carry-on bags to free up bins

NEW YORK (AP)—Millions of fliers might soon want to buy new carry-on suitcases.

Global airlines announced Tuesday a new guideline that recommends shrinking carry-on bags, in an effort to free up space in packed overhead bins.

The guideline, which is not binding, means that many existing bags currently in compliance with airline rules would not be given preferential treatment in the boarding process. While details of how the guideline will be implemented are murky, and could vary from airline to airline, it raises the possibility that many fliers would be forced to check their favorite carry-on bag.

Fliers might ultimately need to buy smaller suitcases or pay a fee to check their bags, typically \$25 each way.

The recommendation by the International Air Transport

Association suggests an “optimal” carry-on size at 21.5 inches tall by 13.5 inches wide by 7.5 inches deep. That’s smaller than the current maximum size allowed by many airlines. For instance, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines all currently allow bags up to 22 inches by 14 inches by 9 inches—although gate agents don’t always enforce those more-generous measurements.

“Once again, the airlines find a way to make their problem the passenger’s problem—and an expensive problem at that,” said travel industry consultant Henry Harteveltdt. The lack of overhead space is due to airlines cramming too many seats on planes and charging passengers to check their suitcases, he said.

Airlines around the globe have varying standards—different enough that a carry-on

bag that is acceptable to one airline isn’t allowed in the cabin of another. The airline trade group says the new guideline will not necessarily replace each airline’s rules on bag size, but gives them a uniform measurement that “will help iron out inconsistencies.”

Charlie Leocha, a consumer advocate and co-founder of Travelers United, said if enough airlines adopt these guidelines it will be great for travelers to at least know what size bag is acceptable on multiple airlines. However, Leocha measured his own carry-on bag Tuesday—one that he has traveled with for more than a decade and never struggled to fit into an overhead bin—to find out that it doesn’t comply with the new suggested size.

“Are the airlines are cahoots with the baggage manufactures? It just seems crazy,” he said.

HSBC slashes jobs as it shifts focus further to Asian roots

LONDON (AP)—HSBC Holdings, Europe’s largest bank by market value, will cut up to 25,000 jobs globally to reduce costs and shift its center of gravity further toward the fast-growing Asian economies where it started out 150 years ago.

The London-based group, which is worth 120 billion pounds (\$184 billion), about the same as U.S. giant Bank of America, said Tuesday it is “redeploying resources to capture expected future growth opportunities.”

Though it has not yet decided whether to move its headquarters, the bank is clear on where it thinks its commercial future

lies—China and the Asia-Pacific region.

The bank has suffered a series of regulatory fines and crack-downs in Europe and the U.S. and now wants to capitalize on Asia’s rapidly expanding class of newly wealthy. It intends to grow its asset management and insurance businesses, for example, in China’s rich manufacturing heartland in Guangdong province and in South Asia, where economies like Indonesia are booming.

Many Western banks have sought to bolster operations in Asia, but HSBC has the advantage of already having a major presence there. Around

75 percent of its 2014 profits were generated in the region, even though it only has about a third of its staff there and its assets are dwarfed by those it controls in Europe.

HSBC has historic ties to the region. It was founded in Hong Kong in 1865 when the city was a British colony in order to finance growing trade between China and Europe, much of it involving opium. Its original name says it all: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The company only became London-based in 1992 to meet the regulatory requirements of its acquisition of Midland Bank at the time.

company’s communications and government affairs and help to improve its well-known brand. He replaces Bridget Coffing, who announced her retirement earlier this year. Gibbs served as President Obama’s first White House press secretary and as a senior adviser during the president’s re-election campaign. He then co-founded The Incite Agency, a strategic communications advisory firm.

Musk says Model X SUV will be delivered in 3-4 months

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP)—Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk said Tuesday that the company expects to start deliveries of its new SUV, the Model X, in three or four months. Musk also told investors at Tesla’s annual meeting that the company plans to let some drivers start testing an autopilot feature at the end of this month. The Model X will be Tesla’s third vehicle since the company was founded 12 years ago. Currently Tesla makes one car, the Model S sedan. Tesla originally planned to put the Model X into production in 2013, but has delayed it several times to work on technical issues. Musk said he’s test-driving the Model X now and is pleased with its progress. He said the company is focused on making sure key features, like the Model X’s wing-like doors and its sliding rear seats, are working properly.

Nation

Officer caught on video in pool party incident resigns

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP)—

A white police officer recorded on video pushing a black girl to the ground at a North Texas pool party resigned from the police force Tuesday.

Officer David Eric Casebolt’s actions were “indefensible,” McKinney Police Chief Greg Conley said at a press conference after the officer submitted his resignation. But Casebolt was not pressured to quit the force, Conley said.

A teenager at the party posted a video online showing the officer pushing a bikini-clad girl to the ground and brandishing his gun to other black teens when officers responded last Friday to calls about the pool party at a community-owned McKinney swimming pool. The 41-year-old former Texas state trooper and 10-year veteran of the McKinney force was put on administrative leave after the incident. His lawyer, Jane Bishkin of Dallas, confirmed Tuesday he

had quit the force.

Conley said a review of the incident video showed that “our policies, our training and our practices do not support his actions.”

Twelve officers responded to the report of fights and a disturbance at the pool party at the Craig Ranch North Community Pool in an affluent area of western McKinney. “Eleven of them performed according to their training,” Conley said. Casebolt did not, he said.

“He came into the call out of control and the video showed he was out of control during the incident,” Conley said.

Casebolt’s actions are under investigation and no decision has been made whether charges will be filed against him, Conley said. Charges of interfering with an officer and evading arrest against the only man arrested during Friday’s incident have been dropped, Conley said. Everyone else detained

was released.

Bishkin declined to say where Casebolt is now and said the officer had received death threats. The attorney said she would release more information at a news conference Wednesday.

The incident prompted criticism of the affluent suburb of McKinney north of Dallas, which is among the nation’s fastest growing cities, has highly regarded public schools and was ranked by one publication as America’s best place to live.

People who demonstrated this week at a McKinney school compared the city to Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, where use of force by police triggered widespread protests and violence.

The resignation is a step in the right direction, said Dominique Alexander, president of the Dallas area-Next Generation Action Network and organizer of the demonstrations.

Missouri man executed for deaths of girlfriend, her daughter

BONNE TERRE, Mo. (AP)—A Missouri man who killed his girlfriend and her 2-year-old daughter with a butcher knife was put to death Tuesday.

Richard Strong, 48, was executed at the state prison in Bonne Terre for the deaths of Eva Washington and her daughter, Zandrea Thomas, more than 14 years ago. He was the fourth man to die by injection in Missouri this year and the 16th since November 2013. Only Texas has executed more inmates over that span.

“Jehovah-Jireh, you’re my provider. Your grace is sufficient for me. Forgive me for my sin,” Strong said in his final statement, according to

corrections officials.

During the execution, he breathed deeply several times and briefly raised his head from the gurney pillow before becoming motionless. He was pronounced dead at 6:58 p.m. CDT.

No family members or other witnesses attended the execution on Strong’s behalf. Strong met earlier Tuesday with his mother, brother, sister-in-law and two daughters, but none of them witnessed his punishment.

Washington’s sister, Virgil Samant, who witnessed the execution, said she might feel compassion for Strong someday, “but for now I don’t give a damn. He can rot in hell.”

The bodies of Washington

and her daughter were found in October 2000 in Washington’s apartment in the St. Louis suburb of St. Ann. A large butcher knife was found on a bed next to a pool of blood. Strong and Washington’s daughter together, 3-month-old Alyshia Strong, was also on the bed, but wasn’t harmed.

St. Ann police received a 911 call from Washington’s apartment on Oct. 23, 2000, and heard a scream during it. Officers headed to the apartment, where Strong met them outside. He initially told them Washington was sleeping, then said she had gone to work.

Officers saw blood stains on his hand, and Strong tried to run. When they caught him, he admitted to the killings.

Court temporarily blocks release of Angola 3 inmate

ST. FRANCISVILLE, La. (AP)—Prison activist Albert Woodfox, the last member of the “Angola Three” inmates held for decades in solitary confinement, will have to wait a bit longer to see if he’ll experience the “immediate” and “unconditional” freedom ordered by a federal judge.

A federal appeals court on Tuesday temporarily blocked the release of Woodfox, who spent more than 40 years in isolation after being accused of killing a guard. His supporters say it was retribution for his Black Panther Party activism to protest prison conditions.

Tuesday’s order came a day after a federal judge ruled that the state can’t fairly try Wood-

fox, now 68, a third time for the killing of a prison guard 43 years ago, and that the “only just remedy” would be setting him free after all the years he spent in “extended lockdown.”

Woodfox has long maintained his innocence in the guard’s killing, which happened during protests of brutal conditions inside the huge penitentiary built on a former slave plantation in Angola, Louisiana. His two previous convictions were overturned for racial prejudice and lack of evidence.

Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell is appealing the order by U.S. District Judge James Brady, saying Woodfox is a killer who should remain locked up. The

stay by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans blocks his release until 1 p.m. Friday, providing time for the court to decide whether to accept the state’s appeal.

Woodfox is currently being held at the West Feliciana Parish Detention Center in St. Francisville, where he was transferred in preparation for a third trial. His attorney, George Kendall, met with Woodfox on Tuesday after the stay was granted.

Kendall said he is “hopeful and optimistic” the court will release Woodfox while the state’s appeal is pending. But he acknowledged the court could order Woodfox to stay in jail while that process plays out.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

GE takes step away from banking with \$12 billion deal

NEW YORK (AP)—General Electric will sell its private equity business in a deal valued at about \$12 billion as it refocuses on its core businesses and exits a banking sector now under stricter oversight. The U.S. Sponsor Finance business, which includes Antares Capital, GE Capital’s lending business to private equity-backed middle market companies, will be sold to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, alongside a \$3 billion bank loan portfolio. GE is looking to sell most of the assets of its \$500 billion GE Capital over the next 18 months, but plans to keep the financing components that relate to its industrial businesses. The Fairfield, Connecticut, company is transforming itself back into an industrial conglomerate that makes large, complicated equipment for other businesses.

McDonald’s adds former Obama adviser Gibbs to executive team

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP)—McDonald’s has named former White House press secretary Robert Gibbs as its global chief communications officer, as the fast-food giant looks to improve its image. The world’s biggest hamburger chain said Tuesday that Gibbs will manage the

Asia

2 ex-leaders urge Abe to keep Japan's WWII apologies

TOKYO (AP)—Two former political leaders who apologized over Japan's World War II atrocities said Prime Minister Shinzo Abe should not water down their words when he marks the 70th anniversary of the war's end.

Japanese leaders' war anniversary statements have always been closely watched, and this year's is getting extra attention because it's a key anniversary and Abe is considered a revisionist.

Former Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama, who authored Japan's landmark 1995 apology on the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, said Abe should "honestly spell out" the country's wartime actions to address growing international concern that he may revise history.

Yohei Kono, who as chief Cabinet secretary in 1993 apologized to victims of Japan's wartime military sexual

exploitation, said he wondered whether a new statement by Abe is even necessary. He said a statement to mark the 70th anniversary, if issued, should not backpedal from any of the apologies that Abe promised to inherit from nearly a dozen past leaders.

"The international community is watching what (Abe) is really thinking," Murayama told reporters during a rare joint appearance with Kono at the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo.

"It is important to clear any doubts that he has raised overseas," Murayama said.

The historic statements by both men were highly regarded internationally as signs Japan had come to terms with its wartime past and they improved relations with its Asian neighbors. However, both statements have become unpopular among Japanese conservatives who say Japan should stop focusing on

negative history to restore national pride.

Kono warned that any attempt to whitewash historical facts "hurts the Japanese people's reputation."

Since taking office in December 2012, Abe has said he would not necessarily follow the Murayama apology. He also has said there is no evidence that so-called comfort women were exploited through coercion by Japanese authorities, remarks seen by critics as undermining the Kono apology. But, after criticism from China and South Korea, Abe later promised not to change either of the statements.

Tokyo's relations with the two victims of its wartime militarism have worsened under Abe's leadership, particularly with South Korea—a former Japanese colony where many of the sex slaves were from.

Top leaders to host Suu Kyi on her 1st visit to China

BEIJING (AP)—Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Chinese leaders in Beijing this week to build ties with her country's most important neighbor while China hopes to shore up its declining influence in the Southeast Asian nation following recent democratic reforms.

The visit gives the Beijing leadership a chance to get to know Suu Kyi at a time when Myanmar has shifted toward Western countries, Japan and other potential investors. Myanmar's citizens, now more free to protest, have stalled a Chinese-backed dam and other projects out of environmental concerns, and China is upset about fighting between the Myanmar military and rebels in the border area.

"There are question marks on both sides as to where that relationship is headed," said

Jurgen Haacke, a political scientist at London School of Economics. "It is useful for (the Chinese leadership) to play the Suu Kyi card to try and have a different approach, a different avenue to get their message across."

Suu Kyi is an international democracy icon for her years-long defiance of, and imprisonment at the hands of, an authoritarian military government in Myanmar that was supported at the time by China, which still keeps fellow Nobel Peace laureate Liu Xiaobo imprisoned for his calls for democracy.

However, Suu Kyi has consistently maintained since her release in 2010 that her country must maintain friendly relations with China, and the trip demonstrates her determination to accumulate the diplomatic credentials to potentially contest

Myanmar's presidency no matter how it might clash with her past role.

Suu Kyi's first trip to China is a party-to-party meeting between China's Communist Party and her opposition National League for Democracy, which is expected to perform strongly in elections later this year. She is constitutionally barred from contesting the presidency because of a provision barring people who have been married to foreigners, but has campaigned for a change that would allow her candidacy.

China began reaching out to Suu Kyi's party when she became a member of parliament in 2012, said another NLD spokesman, Nyan Win. Chinese media now cover the party's events and news conferences, something they rarely did before 2010, he said.

real and he would prove it in court. Leaders of the Aam Admi Party, or Common Man Party, condemned the arrest of its member and said police should have waited for a court verdict. Tomar faces charges of cheating, criminal conspiracy and forging documents, said police spokesman Rajan Bhagat. If convicted, he could be jailed for up to seven years.

Afghan teachers' strike shuts down at least 27 schools

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A teachers strike demanding higher pay has shut down at least 27 schools in Afghanistan's capital, officials said Tuesday. Fazel Ahmad Fazel, the newly appointed head of a national teachers' council, said Tuesday that 80 schools were closed in Kabul alone, and that teachers were on strike in at least 18 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. But Fazel Ahmad Harder, deputy head of Kabul's Department of Education, says just 27 schools in the capital are closed, down from 55 at the start of the protests last week. It was not immediately possible to resolve the conflicting accounts. Kabul has a total of 284 schools.

World

Migrants crossing Mediterranean exceed 100K

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—More than 100,000 migrants—many fleeing the war in Syria—have crossed the Mediterranean Sea to Europe so far this year, the U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday—and the arrivals in Greece have reached their highest level since the crisis began.

Citing national figures, the UNHCR said 54,000 people had traveled illegally to Italy and 48,000 to Greece so far in 2015, with another small fraction heading for Spain and Malta.

The numbers were announced as the European Union is struggling to persuade its 28 nations to adopt a quota system aimed at making the crossings less dangerous and easing the burden on Mediterranean countries.

In Italy, nearly 6,000 people were picked up over the weekend by a host of ships taking part in the EU-mandated Mediterranean rescue operation. Most were sub-Saharan African migrants who had set off from Libya.

The Italian coast guard and navy ships on Tuesday



A migrant from Syria waits at the port of Kos island, Greece, on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, after she and others were rescued by Greek Coast Guard while they were trying to cross from Turkey to Greece on a dinghy.

brought hundreds of migrants to shore in Sicily after having rescued them over the last few days. Officers wearing surgical masks and white coveralls directed the migrants to a processing tent set up at Pozzallo, a port in southern Sicily.

AP Television footage showed one officer dragging an immigrant out of a cabin and striking another man sitting on the deck of a rescue vessel.

In Greece, authorities said 457 people had been rescued

from the sea in 12 separate incidents off the islands of Lesbos, Chios, Kalymnos and Kos— islands that all face the coast of Turkey—in 24 hours from Monday morning.

Another 304 people had made their way ashore Monday to Lesbos' main port of Mytilene.

The UN agency said about half of the 600 people who arrive daily in Greece are heading to Lesbos—where numbers have shot up from 737 in January to 7,200 in May.

UN: Sex exploitation by peacekeepers strongly underreported

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Members of a U.N. peacekeeping mission engaged in "transactional sex" with more than 225 Haitian women who said they needed to do so to obtain things like food and medication, a sign that sexual exploitation remains significantly underreported in such missions, according to a new report obtained by The Associated Press.

The draft by the Office of Internal Oversight Services looks at the way U.N. peacekeeping, which has about 125,000 people in some of the world's most troubled areas, deals with the persistent problem of sexual abuse and exploitation.

The report, expected to be

released this month, says major challenges remain a decade after a groundbreaking U.N. report first tackled the issue.

Among its findings: About a third of alleged sexual abuse involves minors under 18. Assistance to victims is "severely deficient." The average investigation by OIOS, which says it prioritizes cases involving minors or rape, takes more than a year.

And widespread confusion remains on the ground about consensual sex and exploitation. To help demonstrate that, investigators headed to the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

A year ago, the report says, investigators interviewed 231 people in Haiti who said they'd

had transactional sexual relationships with U.N. peacekeepers. "For rural women, hunger, lack of shelter, baby care items, medication and household items were frequently cited as the 'triggering need,'" the report says. Urban and suburban women received "church shoes, cell phones, laptops and perfume, as well as money."

"In cases of non-payment, some women withheld the badges of peacekeepers and threatened to reveal their infidelity via social media," the report says. "Only seven interviewees knew about the United Nations policy prohibiting sexual exploitation and abuse." None knew about the mission's hotline to report it.

Pistorius to be released from prison Aug. 21

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Oscar Pistorius will be released from prison for good behavior on Aug. 21 and go under house arrest after serving just 10 months for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, South Africa's department of corrections said Monday.

"He's behaving himself very well," Acting National Commissioner of Correctional Services Zach Modise told The Associated Press. "He hasn't given us any problems."

Yet three months after he leaves Kgosi Mampuru II prison in Pretoria, likely for the comfort of his uncle's mansion, the double-amputee Olympic athlete

will again face the possibility of a murder conviction and could be sent back to jail—this time for a minimum of 15 years.

Pistorius was acquitted of murder and found guilty of the lesser charge of culpable homicide, or manslaughter, last year for shooting Steenkamp through a toilet door in his home. Prosecutors will again seek a murder conviction at the Supreme Court of Appeal in November, the court announced, also on Monday.

Pistorius' impending release after serving one-sixth of his five-year jail term for manslaughter is in line with South African law. But it was

sharply criticized by family members of Steenkamp, the 29-year-old model and reality TV star shot multiple times by Pistorius in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14, 2013.

"Incarceration of 10 months for taking a life is simply not enough," Steenkamp's family said in a written statement to the parole board that met Friday and approved Pistorius' release under correctional supervision, or house arrest.

Steenkamp's family members were invited to attend Pistorius' parole hearing but did not. Instead, they sent the written submission, Steenkamp family lawyer Tania Koen said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indian police kill 12 Maoist rebels in eastern stronghold

PATNA, India (AP)—Police killed at least 12 Maoist rebels in a clash early Tuesday in one of their strongholds in eastern India. The police attacked the rebels as they were on their way to extort money from several mining contractors in Palamau district in Jharkhand state, said police Inspector-General S.N. Pradhan. Pradhan said the police recovered 12 bodies and eight automatic guns in a forested area, nearly 300 kilometers (200 miles) south of Patna, the capital of neighboring Bihar state. He said there were no police casualties. In April last year, Maoist rebels ambushed a police vehicle in the same region in Jharkhand state and killed six police officers during voting in India's national elections.

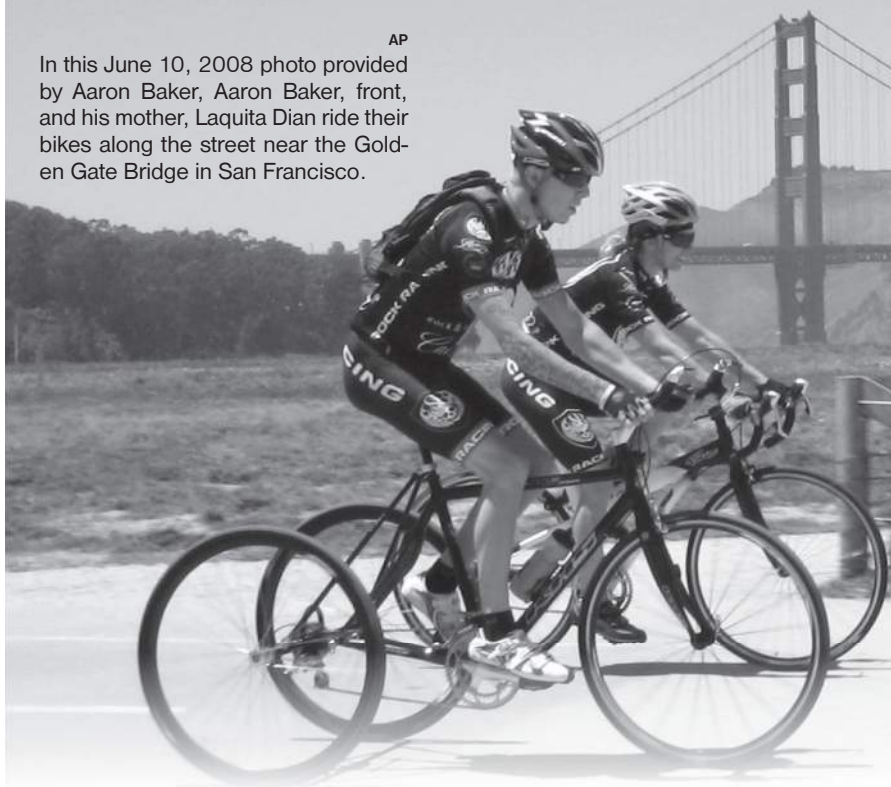
Police arrest New Delhi law minister, say law degree is fake

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police arrested the New Delhi state law minister Tuesday after concluding his university and law degrees were fake and registration as an attorney in the capital was illegal. Jitendra Singh Tomar has said his degrees are

Focus

Former quadriplegic runs, walks to show others they can

AP
In this June 10, 2008 photo provided by Aaron Baker, Aaron Baker, front, and his mother, Laquita Dian ride their bikes along the street near the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.



LOS ANGELES (AP)—The worst day of Aaron Baker's life wasn't when the then-20-year-old professional motocross racer crashed his bike one spring day in 1999, flew over the handlebars and hit the ground head-first, paralyzing him from the neck down.

No, the worst day came a year later when Baker's physical therapy ended. That was when his therapists, marveling that he could actually stand on his own again and move his arms some, cautioned him not to expect much more.

The chances of walking again, he was told, were one in a million. He eventually used that as a mantra—when people say odds are a million to one, ignore the million and focus on the one—and has learned to walk again. It began with learning to do just one thing, beginning with getting just a few muscles in an arm to work and then moving on to another task.

"At first it was even one in a million that I would feed myself, so walking seemed out of the question," said Baker, who recently completed a leg in the international Wings For Life run to raise awareness of spinal-cord research. "So after a time we learned to focus on just the one. Our approach to the whole

process became just one breath, then one movement," until small victories began to add up to the larger one.

Baker, who now gets around with just a cane, emphasizes he didn't run far during his leg at last month's event; maybe just a quarter mile. One of the poster children for the event, the 36-year-old was busy welcoming others, signing autographs and posing for photos.

He walked 20 miles across the Mojave Desert last year for a documentary, tentatively titled, "Coming To My Senses," that a friend is doing on him. In previous years he bicycled across the United States—twice.

When he left the hospital after his injury, he never imagined such accomplishments.

"I was ready to drive my electric wheelchair right into the swimming pool" at the modest motel that he'd first moved to. A year earlier, he thought, he'd been a hotshot racer who had already landed a professional sponsorship.

"I mean I wanted to work hard. I wanted to overcome this thing," he said. "But there were no other options. Insurance wasn't going to cover any more at the hospital and local gyms weren't adapted to help someone like me."

His mother, having quit her job the year before to care for

him, had exhausted her savings and sold her home.

Laquita Conway had her own idea about his future. She took him to the Center of Achievement Through Adapted Physical Activity, an institution at California State University, Northridge, known for its pioneering work in developing rehabilitation therapies.

She'd heard there was a kinesiology professor who had some success in working with people with spinal-cord injuries.

For 15 years, he went to see Taylor-Kevin Isaacs, the former CSUN professor.

"When Aaron told me he thought he had a one in a million chance of walking again, I told him, 'Let's think of grabbing onto the one and forgetting about the million,'" Isaacs said, recalling their first meeting when Baker struggled just to shake hands.

He didn't make too many promises beyond that, but put him on a regimen stressing nutrition, flexibility and repetitive exercise.

"But the key part is human determination," said Isaacs, adding he'd never seen anyone with more than Baker.

The outgoing but modest athlete, who proudly sports his racing tattoos, credits most of that to his mother, who wouldn't let him roll into that pool on the first day or let him quit exercising on any day afterward.

For her part, Conway said she never envisioned her son walking 20 miles across the desert. She just wanted him to get better.

"We just knew that if we didn't pursue aggressive therapy all the prognoses would remain correct and Aaron would remain a quadriplegic," she said.

There is no magical medical cure for an injury like Baker's, in which he fractured the fourth, fifth and sixth cervical vertebrae, said Dr. Charles Liu, director of the University of Southern California's Neurorestoration Center.

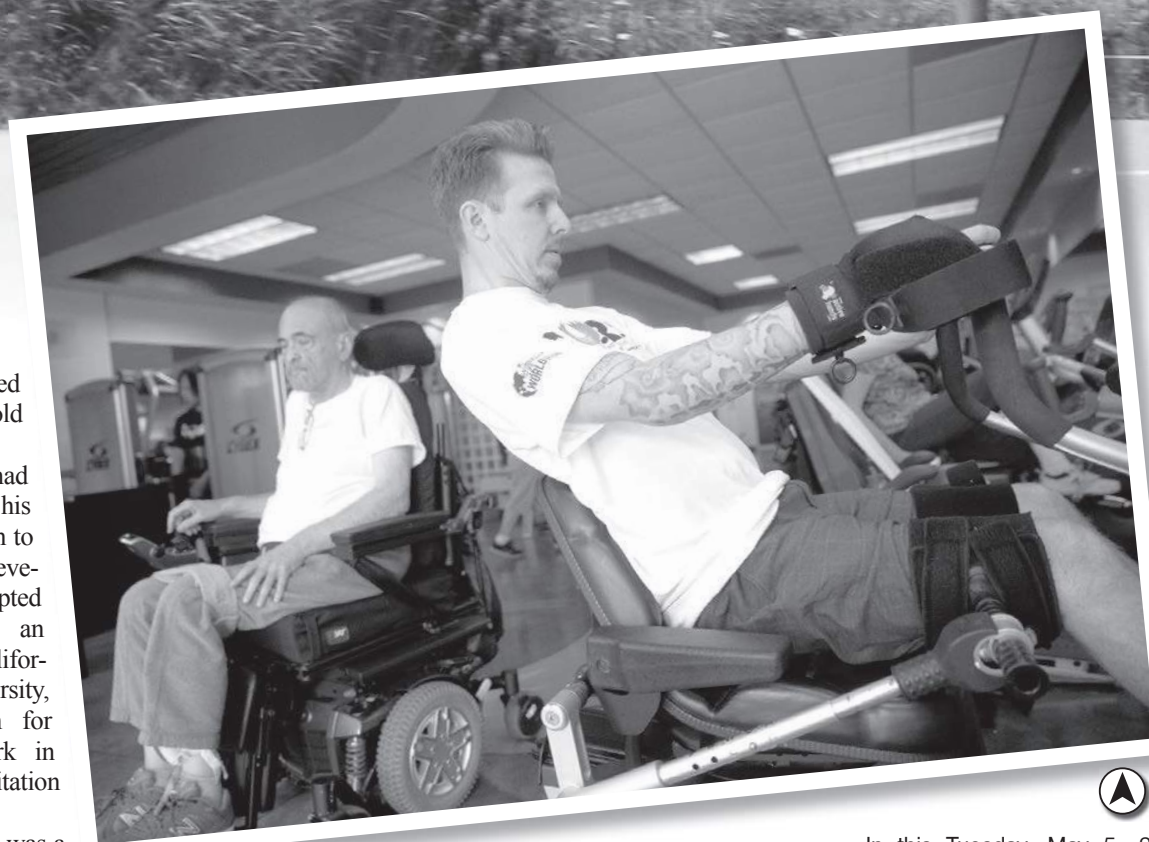
"He just kept working at it like crazy," said Liu. "The message is you should never give up."

Not that any of it was easy. It took Baker five days to walk those 20 miles across the desert last year. When he bicycled from San Diego to Florida in 2007, he rode a tandem bike with his mother. These days he pedals a home-built three-wheeler.

"I can ride a two-wheeler but it's not safe for me stopping and starting," he said. When physicians rebuilt his body, some of the nerve roots on the right side were jettisoned, leaving him with balance issues.

Still, he has an even more ambitious goal in mind for next year. He hopes to climb California's Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the continental United States.

Until then, he keeps busy at



AP
In this Tuesday, May 5, 2015 photo, Aaron Baker, right, a former motocross racer who was paralyzed from the neck down in a crash while practicing on a motocross track in 1999, exercises at the Center of Restorative Exercise in the Northridge section of Los Angeles.

the Center For Restorative Exercise, the small gym designed for people recovering from spinal-cord and other debilitating injuries that he, his mother and Isaacs opened in 2011.

He has the place festooned with motivational messages, including one counting the steps needed to get to a sushi place down the street that's favored by some of the clientele.

"My whole process has been kind of an exception and we would like to make that the rule," he said.

Environment

G7 climate vision requires gargantuan economic shift

STOCKHOLM (AP)—When leaders of the Group of Seven wealthy countries pledge to “decarbonize” the global economy, they’re talking about a shift so dramatic that one analyst described it as a new Apollo mission.

Like putting a man on the moon, it would require overcoming major hurdles related to technology and money and the political will—so far in short supply—to make it happen.

Despite gains by renewable energy sources in recent years, the world is still hooked on fossil fuels that are powering our homes and businesses and fueling our cars, trucks, airplanes and ships.

The resulting release of heat-trapping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere keeps rising, primarily because of fast growth in China, India and other emerging economies. CO2 emissions from fossil fuels now exceed 30 billion tons a year, according to the International Energy Agency.

What President Barack Obama and other G-7 leaders envisioned in Germany on Monday is a world where those emissions would be phased out by the end of the century.

Above all that would entail a major shift in how the world produces electricity, about two-thirds of which comes from the burning of fossil fuels, mainly



AP
German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks with U.S. President Barack Obama at Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Monday, June 8, 2015, during the G-7 summit.

coal and gas.

Scaling up solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear, hydro-power and perhaps other renewable sources still to be developed is possible, but that requires policies, such as carbon taxes, that make them more competitive compared to coal or natural gas.

“We have to be honest: coal

is a very, very cheap energy carrier. Therefore we need a carbon price,” said Ottmar Edenhofer, a prominent member of the U.N.’s expert panel on climate science.

Putting a price on carbon is highly contentious politically in many countries. The U.S. Senate turned down such a

proposal in 2010. Australia’s current government repealed a carbon tax introduced by the previous government.

Making renewables that depend on the weather such as wind and solar power more competitive would also require technological advances, primarily how to store energy more efficiently.

Decarbonizing the transportation sector is even more complicated. There are of course

already vehicles running on electricity or biofuels. But fuels made from oil still dominate and it will probably be a long time before they can be substituted at a large scale in aviation and shipping, though experiments with biofuels and even solar power are underway.

Also, replacing fossil fuels to generate the intense heat required for some industrial processes like steel production isn’t likely to happen anytime soon.

That’s why many scientists and economists say demands by some environmental activists for a complete phase-out of fossil fuels are unrealistic. Instead, they say the fight against climate change will have to include efforts to capture CO2 emissions from fossil fuels and bury them deep underground where they don’t affect the climate.

The U.N. climate science panel projected last year that such technologies, which already exist at a small scale, may have to be applied to achieve negative emissions in the future, because the world isn’t expected to bring down its emissions fast enough in the near term. That could entail, for example, using biofuels for power generation and then capturing their emissions.

But even that is not without problems: large-scale biofuel crops could end up replacing food crops or threatening biodiversity.

The G-7 leaders didn’t address in detail how to resolve all these issues. In U.N. climate talks on an envisioned pact in Paris later this year, countries have a hard time agreeing on much smaller things, like whether to renew their individual climate targets every five or 10 years.

120K endangered saiga antelopes die mysteriously in Kazakhstan

More than 120,000 critically endangered saiga antelopes—more than one-third of the worldwide population—have died in Kazakhstan since mid-May, and the cause of the “catastrophic collapse” is unclear, officials said.

“Not a single animal survived in the affected herds,” the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, a United Nations-backed effort also known as CMS, said in a statement Thursday.

Two kinds of bacteria exacerbated the die-off, but they are not lethal unless the animal already has a weakened immune system, so experts are still trying to identify the underlying cause, CMS said.

Die-offs are not unusual among saigas, which largely live in Kazakhstan and are recognized for their bulbous, flexible noses that warm up freezing air and filter out dust, CMS said. A 2010 event killed 12,000, and a 1984 event killed about 100,000, it said, although the causes of those mass deaths “could not be conclusively identified.”

The die-offs often take place

“in the birth period, when saiga females come together in vast herds to all give birth within a peak period of less than one week,” CMS said. This spring’s deaths affected four such herds, primarily killing mothers and calves, it said.

Saigas also have been hit hard by poaching, as the animal’s horns are used in traditional Chinese medicine. Poaching soared in the wake of the Soviet Union’s dissolution, and the saiga population plunged about 95 percent in the 1990s, leaving only about 50,000 of the animals alive worldwide, according to CMS. Kazakhstan has since banned hunting the antelope, and its numbers have started to grow again.

Officials are still counting the saigas that died in recent weeks, so it is likely that the final estimate will surpass 120,000, CMS said.

However, it said, the latest die-off appears to have ended, and there is hope for the endangered antelope’s numbers.

“Saiga antelopes often have twins and populations are able to rebound quickly,” CMS

Executive Secretary Bradnee Chambers said in a statement. “Our hope is that if we can control what is driving these mass mortality events as well as tackle the No. 1 threat to saigas—wildlife crime and poaching—populations will be able to recover.”

“The loss of such a large proportion of the saiga population in such a short time is really sad,” Noah Greenwald, the Center for Biological Diversity’s endangered species director, told the Los Angeles Times on Sunday.

“Unfortunately mass die-offs of wildlife from previously unseen diseases is becoming all too familiar,” he said, adding that more than 7 million bats in North America have died of white-nose syndrome in the last decade.

“With international trade, microorganisms are passing through the world’s ports at an unprecedented rate,” Greenwald added. “Combined with diseases from livestock, one has to wonder if this is how the saiga got sick.” (*Los Angeles Times*)

Global warming ‘hiatus’ never happened, NOAA scientists say

By **MONTE MORIN**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Was it all really just an illusion?

Ever since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change acknowledged that the ominous rise in Earth’s mean surface temperature had begun to slow in 1998, scientists have struggled to explain this puzzling “pause” or “hiatus” in warming.

Some have argued that dust and ash blasted into the sky by Mount Pinatubo and other volcanoes had reflected the sun’s heat back into space before it could be trapped by greenhouse gases. Others hypothesized that the sun had entered a rare period of calm, temporarily interrupting its habit of explosive tantrums.

Still more insisted this “missing” heat was absorbed by the Pacific Ocean, and other waters, and still lurks deep below the waves awaiting a stormy return to the surface.

On Thursday, however, researchers at the National Oceanographic and Atmospher-

ic Administration published yet another explanation in the prestigious journal *Science*.

Their assessment: The hiatus never happened.

In an argument that drew criticism from both sides of the rancorous debate over man-made climate change, NOAA researchers wrote that long-existing instrument biases have masked rising sea surface temperatures.

Once those biases are accounted for, “this hiatus or slowdown simply vanishes,” said lead study author Thomas Karl, director of NOAA’s Climatic Data Center.

Karl and his colleagues insist that global average surface temperature has climbed 0.2 degrees Fahrenheit each decade since 1950, without interruption, due to the heat-trapping effects of man-made greenhouse gases.

In contrast, the IPCC had determined that from 1998 to 2012, the warming trend was just one-third to one-half what it had been from 1951 to 2012.

“The IPCC’s statement of

two years ago—that the global surface temperature ‘has shown a much smaller increasing linear trend over the past 15 years than over the past 30 to 60 years’—is no longer valid,” Karl and his team concluded.

Not surprisingly, this conclusion was quickly dismissed by so-called climate change skeptics—those scientists and policy groups who say the hiatus proves climatologists have greatly miscalculated the warming effects of fossil fuel emissions.

“The main claim, that it uncovers a significant recent warming trend, is certainly dubious,” wrote a panel of climatologists at the libertarian Cato Institute.

“I don’t find this analysis at all convincing,” wrote Judith Curry, a climate scientist at Georgia Tech. “While I’m sure this latest analysis from NOAA will be regarded as politically useful for the Obama administration, I don’t regard it as a particularly useful contribution to our scientific understanding of what is going on.”

Life & Style

Chris Pratt evolves into leading man in 'Jurassic World'

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)—On a recent afternoon on a Universal soundstage, Chris Pratt was regaling a group of journalists with a story about elk hunting. Suddenly, a gust of air blew through the room, toppling a giant fake plant onto a similarly giant speaker before both careened toward one unlucky reporter.

Everyone gasped but stayed in their seats. Everyone, except Pratt, who sprang from his chair with a gravely serious expression, ready to help however he could.

There wasn't much that needed doing in this case. The shrub-speaker combination missed the reporter. But there was no missing the instinct.

The perennial goofball turned leading man wasn't merely a hero on screen. Apparently, he has the right stuff in reality, too.

"That's who he is. He takes responsibility for the well-being of those around him," said Pratt's "Jurassic World" co-star Bryce Dallas Howard.

On set, things were no different.

"He gets funnier and more charming as things get more difficult. It comes from a place of genuinely wanting to make it fun for everyone else," said director Colin Trevorrow.

Even after crashing his motorcycle on the Jurassic set, Pratt insisted on reassuring the cast and crew the show would go on.

"That one really jolted me," he recalled in an interview. Off camera, the bike locked up when he used the brakes in some mud. He was thrown 20

feet and had to dive roll over a prop gun strapped to his back.

"I was immediately swarmed by everyone," he said. "When you're on a movie and that much money is on the line, should your star get hurt... I'm like, 'Listen dudes, you've got to back the (expletive) off for a second. Am I fine? How could I possibly know that? Give me a day and I'll tell you. It seems OK right now.'"

Howard, through her own career and by proxy of lineage (her dad is Ron Howard), has been around the biggest names in the business for her entire life, and dislikes the overused and undervalued phrase "movie star." She prefers terms like "recognizable" and "well-known" and believes that there have only been maybe 15 true movie stars in the history of cinema.

Pratt, however, makes the cut.

A few years ago, things looked very different for Pratt. He had a steady gig as the affable Andy Dwyer on NBC's "Parks and Recreation" and would pop up in movies here and there, but usually as a goofy sidekick. Then everything changed in 2014.

With leading roles in both "The Lego Movie" and the little-known, high-stakes Marvel property "Guardians of the Galaxy," the year was almost a test. Could he carry a film? Would audiences respond?

The answer was an unequivocal yes. "Guardians" became the third highest earning movie of the year, and "The Lego Movie" was the fifth. Both are getting sequels.

Now, Pratt has another trial looming: "Jurassic World," the fourth installment in the "Jurassic



In this Saturday, June 6, 2015 photo, actor Chris Pratt poses for a portrait during press day for "Jurassic World" at Universal Studios Stage 18 in Universal City, Calif.

Park" series that Steven Spielberg launched in 1993, out Friday.

Pratt plays Owen Grady, a military man turned Velociraptor

trainer at an amusement park that devolves into dino chaos. If

his "Guardians" character, Peter Quill, was Han Solo, Owen Grady is Indiana Jones—a little more serious, a little less rakish and definitely not silly.

As he delves into higher profile projects, Pratt is only concerned about making movies that don't just "aim for the middle." He wants audiences to truly feel like profits aren't the sole, or most important, objective. Also, even in these leading roles, he doesn't give himself credit for a film's success.

Fame and stardom can be ephemeral, too, and Pratt likes to keep things light and sincere. He recently posted a humorous "apology" on his Facebook page "for whatever it is I end up saying during the forthcoming 'Jurassic World' press tour." He was keenly aware of the various "gates" and "scandals" mined out of recent "Avengers" interviews and others.

"It was a fun way for me to poke fun at the PC police, but also, truly to pre-emptively apologize in the likelihood that I would say something inappropriate," he said.

He also stole his Owen costume from set, telling Howard that he'd like to wear it to hospitals to visit kids in character.

There are the usual downsides of increased fame, but Pratt, who's married to actress Anna Faris, knew the score going in.

"I don't much like the elements that pertain to my private life and my personal space being diminished, but with that there's a trade. I'm now on a short list to have access to amazing filmmakers and material," he said. "I'm just hoping I never get caught complaining about it."

New docu-series tells real life stories of 'Women in Prison'

NEW YORK (AP)—There's been plenty of hype about the return of "Orange Is the New Black" this week, but there's another TV series about women behind bars that is vying for viewers' attention as well.

"Women in Prison," also premiering this week, is Investigation Discovery's latest docu-series and focuses on the real-life stories of six women serving time in a maximum-security state prison in Indiana. It does feature actors dramatizing the offenses the women committed, and, much like the award-winning Netflix series, paints a multidimensional portrait of the inmates by focusing on their humanity more than their crimes.

Alicia Brown, one of the women featured in "Women in Prison," hopes that fans of "Orange Is the New Black" might be drawn to this series, which debuts on Thursday.



In this undated image released by Investigation Discovery, inmates appear at a talent show at a women's prison in Indiana.

"I think it will be great to attract the fans just because they

have gotten to see a made-up version or a highly publicized

version, so now they are kind of getting to get a glimpse into

the real-life version," she said.

The show doesn't reveal what each woman did until near the end of the episode. In Brown's case, an addiction to prescription pills led her down a criminal path, which she described as a shameful experience.

She said her and other prisoners "not only have to deal with what we have done, we have to deal with what we have done to our families."

"My whole reason in doing this is to help other women who are out there, who haven't come to prison," Brown, who is serving a 10-year sentence. "They haven't had this happen yet. I am hoping to stop them from doing what I have done."

Producer Alexandra Lacey said using actors to recreate scenes from the prisoners' past helps the audience connect to the story.

"They will be able to go on that journey with them and really empathize," Lacey said.

"It is a lot easier for them

to relate to the women because you can see them in that former life before they came to prison."

Lacey said working within a women's prison is different because of the nurturing and welcoming feeling she gets from prisoners. She also noted the inmates' resourcefulness: They created their own make-up, fancy ramen noodle dishes and even egg rolls prepared with popcorn bags.

Lacey said for her and her small crew, "the experience opened our eyes to the many talented women sitting in prisons across America for sentences that are very long."

Brown, once a soccer mom and wife, said a lot of her assumptions about prison were wrong. Many of the viewers will find the same.

"There are a lot of me. I am a normal here. Many women get wrapped up in things they never thought they would" Brown said.

6-year-old girl's dance recital performance an Internet hit

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Six-year-old Johanna Colon had never heard of Aretha Franklin prior to her recent dance recital. You wouldn't know it by her performance of "Respect."

During an interview on

WRAL-TV in her hometown of Raleigh, Johanna said her mother told her about the "Queen of Soul." After that, Johanna put her personal stamp on the performance, adding some of her own sassy style to the choreography.

Asked to describe her dance, Johanna said, "I thought I was

really spicy."

Her parents posted the video

on Facebook on Sunday and it instantly became an Internet

sensation, getting at least 25 million views.

'Gigi' starring Vanessa Hudgens on Broadway to close June 21

NEW YORK (AP)—"High School Musical" star Vanessa Hudgens will get a summer vacation—her Broadway show "Gigi" is closing.

Hudgens made her Broadway debut in the title role but the reviews were poor and the box office never soared. It will play its final show June 21 after about 100 performances.

"Gigi," set in Paris at the turn

of the last century, comes from Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe. It centers on a teenage girl being groomed to serve as a mistress until she falls in love.

The show only earned one Tony nomination, for Victoria Clark. Last week, the Neil Simon Theatre, where the show plays, was barely half-full and the show earned only 30 percent of its \$1.3 million potential.

NEW YORK (AP)—Tony Bennett canceled his London show on Tuesday with Lady Gaga due to a flu virus.

The 88-year-old singer apologized to his U.K. fans on social media. A statement from his publicist said ticket holders should "retain their tickets to this event pending more information."

Concert promoter Live Nation confirmed the canceled performance at the Royal Albert Hall. The duo also performed Monday in London.

Gaga and Bennett won a Grammy this year for their collaborative album, "Cheek to Cheek."

The duo's website says their next show is scheduled for Saturday in Paradise Island, Bahamas. They will perform four shows at New York City's Radio City Music Hall later this month.



In this Feb. 10, 2015 file photo, Tony Bennett performs onstage at "Stevie Wonder: Songs in the Key of Life - An All-Star Grammy Salute," at the Nokia Theatre L.A.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Degrassi' headed to Netflix next year after TeenNick run

NEW YORK (AP)—Class will resume at Degrassi High as the beloved young people's show finds a new campus on Netflix. Renamed "Degrassi: Next Class," the venerable series will premiere 20 new episodes globally on Netflix as well as on Canada's Family Channel in early 2016, Netflix announced Tuesday. This comes a week after TeenNick announced "Degrassi" would end its 14-season run on that network in July. "Degrassi: Next Class" is the latest offshoot of a Canadian TV franchise reaching back to 1979. The new stories will be targeted for the post-millennial teen crowd known as Generation Z. Linda Schuyler, "Degrassi" co-creator and executive producer, notes that most of the new target audience wasn't even born when the current version of "Degrassi" was created in 2001.

US Women's World Cup opener sets viewership record

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. opener has drawn the largest television audience on record for a Women's World Cup group stage game. The Americans' 3-1 win over Australia on Monday night averaged more than 3.3 million viewers on Fox Sports 1. The previous high was nearly 2.5 million in 1999 for the tournament in the U.S. Nielsen doesn't have data on the 1991 Women's World Cup. Fox said Tuesday the audience was more than triple the almost 1.1 million for the 2011 U.S. opener. That game started just before noon in the Eastern time zone with the tournament in Germany, while Monday's match from Winnipeg was in prime time. The Stanley Cup Final Game 3, which started a half-hour later, averaged nearly 3.9 million viewers.

Nokia Theatre, home of the Emmys, renamed Microsoft Theater



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles' Nokia Theatre will now be known as the Microsoft Theater.

Microsoft and theater owner AEG announced Tuesday that the 7,100-seat venue is being rebranded. Microsoft Corp. acquired Nokia Corp.'s smartphone business last year.

The theater is in AEG's L.A. Live entertainment and shopping complex in downtown Los Angeles, across from the Staples Center.

The venue has hosted more

than 700 concerts and such ceremonies as the Emmys, BET Awards, American Music Awards, People's Choice Awards and MTV Video Music Awards. The next ceremony slated to take place there is the ESPY Awards on July 15.

The 40,000-square-foot plaza outside the theater will similarly be known as Microsoft Square, and the nearby 3,100-seat venue Club Nokia will also be rebranded.

The Nokia Theatre opened in 2007.

This Sunday, June 7, 2015 photo provided by courtesy of Microsoft Theater/AEG shows the new Microsoft Theatre sign installation at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

Wife of transgender husband refuses to get counseling

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I came out as male-to-female transgender. My wife has come around since then, and our second child will be born before I start my transition.

She has decided to stay with me, but occasionally she tells me she isn't sure if she can be married to a woman. On the other hand, she says she doesn't want to have to share custody of our children.

I have urged her to talk to a therapist, because she gets a few free sessions from her job. Because she doesn't like people knowing about her problems, she steadfastly refuses. I'm not sure what else to do. I won't make her stay if she can't handle it, but I refuse to tell her I'll give her full custody.

LIVING MY TRUTH IN THE EAST

DEAR LIVING: If your wife prefers, out of concern for her privacy, not to talk to a therapist who's connected with her job, that is her choice. But that does not mean she shouldn't get counseling elsewhere to help her make rational decisions about her future. A support group that could also be helpful to her is the Straight Spouse Network (straightspouse.org), which has been mentioned before in my column.

As for you, my friend, you should consult a lawyer who specializes in family law and gender issues. Lambda Legal (lambdalegal.org) should be able to refer you. With help, you should

be able to work out a fair and reasonable custody arrangement, should it become necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I'm attending a close friend's bachelorette party and have confirmed that having it in an adult club is "a priority" for her. I'm uncomfortable with the idea of entering such an establishment because it goes against my personal beliefs. We are all staying with friends, so I can't just head back to my hotel room or go home. How can I excuse myself from this part of the event without causing too much trouble for anyone?

READY NOT TO PARTY

DEAR READY NOT TO PARTY: Because all of the bachelorettes will be out of town and you prefer not to attend the "main event," level with the bride about your feelings, give her your regrets, wish her well and stay home.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 73-year-old man. Over the years I have sometimes cried over sad, heartwarming stories in books or on TV, especially those involving children.

I have also lost several loved ones, and although I was as sad about these losses as anyone else, I was never able to shed tears over it.

Why do I cry over things that don't pertain to me or anybody in my life, but can't when someone I love passes away? Is something

DEAR ABBY

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wrong with me?

TEARLESS IN WICHITA

DEAR TEARLESS: Tears can be cathartic, but people react to death in different ways. Not everyone can cry on cue, even if it would be a relief to be able to. Sometimes there's just a deep "ache," like lead in one's chest. In your case, it may be less painful or threatening to cry over a sad movie than a funeral. When tears finally come (usually over something less significant), they can be more copious than one would expect because they have been bottled up.

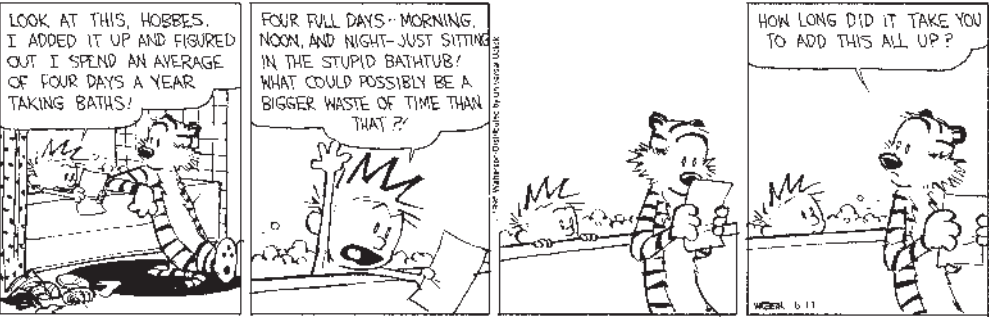
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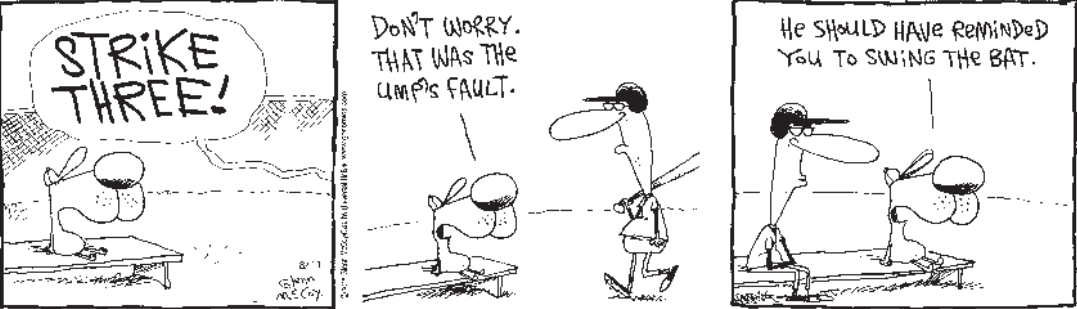
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shia LaBeouf, 29; Peter Dinklage, 46; Hugh Laurie, 56; Gene Wilder, 82.

Happy Birthday: Your generosity and kindness will be repaid. Step up and fight for the underdog. The contacts you make and the opportunities that result will make your efforts well worth your while. Travel, friendships, love and romance are all highlighted this year. Promises can be made and security will be achieved. Believe in your abilities, and so will others. Your numbers are 9, 14, 21, 24, 30, 34, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't skip a beat or let your emotions run wild. You have what it takes to make a statement, so don't hold back. Dazzle everyone with your knowledge and innovative outlook. Romance is encouraged, along with socializing and networking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems will develop if you get involved in gossip or divulge secret information. Keep your life simple, both at work and at home. Concentrate on learning something that will help you move toward a better future. Moderation is encouraged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll have plenty to offer, and everyone will want to help you out. Don't waste a moment when you should be accomplishing as much as possible. Consider where and how you can make the most of your time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tread carefully. Deal with each issue as it arises, but don't initiate unnecessary change. Keep an open mind and take a thoughtful ap-

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Yesterday's answer 6-11

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proach when dealing with people who can influence your future. Better to be safe than sorry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Talks will lead to positive changes. Short trips and any opportunities to share your plans will enhance your chances to succeed. Take time to celebrate new beginnings and recent accomplishments. Embrace the future, but enjoy the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll find it difficult to fit in. Don't give in to people putting demands on you or trying to push you to spend money you don't have. Back up and focus on your responsibilities, not those of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a walk down memory lane and make arrangements to revisit some of the people, places and pastimes you used to enjoy. Change is good, and filling your life with what makes you happy should take top priority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't overdo it, regardless of the demands being thrown at you. Protect your health, your money and your emotional well-being. Concentrate on making things happen that will improve your standard of living. It's time to take, not to give.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wheel and deal, buy and sell, and make improvements to your life. A financial change will allow you to improve your standard of living and contribute to a healthier and less-stressful lifestyle. Love and romance are highlighted and encouraged.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An introspective look at whatever situation you face will help buy you time. Avoid anyone pushing you to make a snap decision or an impulsive move. Don't let emotional manipulation lead to a mistake you'll regret.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can't lose if you are a participant. Speak up and share your innovative ideas, and you will get the support you need to conquer your goals. Someone you love will see you in a new light that can help rekindle what you once had.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Strive to be honest as well as realistic. Protect yourself from anyone trying to take advantage of you. Withdraw into creative pursuits where you can make headway and forget about any stressful situations going on around you.

Birthday Baby: You are dynamic, fast-paced and accommodating. You are outgoing and versatile.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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LeBron, Cavs survive Warriors comeback win Game 3, 96-91



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James came home last summer to win a championship—one like no other. He's two wins away.

Pushed by a crowd howling to see Cleveland's 51-year title drought end, James scored 40 points, his new sidekick Matthew Dellavedova added 20 and the Cavaliers survived Golden State's furious fourth-quarter comeback led by Stephen Curry for a 96-91 win over the Warriors on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

James added 12 rebounds and eight assists in 46 minutes, his third stellar performance in his fifth straight finals. The Cavs, who won Game 2 at Golden State for their first ever finals win, now have their first at Quicken Loans Arena. They'll have a chance to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series in Game 4 on Thursday night.

"This is a great moment and my teammates need me," James said. "It's my job to go out and lead those guys, teach those guys, yell at those guys and then come back and tell them it's OK, let's move to the next play."

Cleveland nearly threw Game 3 away.

The Cavs led 92-83 with 51 seconds to go, but got careless with the ball and Curry heated up.

The league's MVP finally found his shooting touch in the fourth quarter, scoring 17 points as the Warriors, who trailed by 20 in the third quarter, refused to go away. Golden State got a huge lift from reserve David Lee, but they rode Curry, who made five 3-pointers—his last with 18.9 seconds to pull the Warriors within 94-91.

Cleveland then caught a break when referee Danny Crawford blew an inadvertent whistle with 17.5 seconds to go after Golden State appeared to force a turnover. The officials, who have come under scrutiny for several missed calls in



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) celebrates with teammate Matthew Dellavedova during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Cleveland, Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

the series, then reviewed the play and it was clear that Klay Thompson was out of bounds when he made contact with the ball that Dellavedova was holding in his hands.

James was fouled and made two free throws with 16.8 seconds left. On Golden State's last possession, Andre Iguodala appeared to get fouled on a 3-point attempt and the Cavs pulled down the rebound to close out a win that nearly slipped away.

"We've got some learning to do," James said. "I've always said about this team, the best teacher in life is experience. And that last minute and a half, we've got a lot to learn from."

After the final horn, Warriors coach Steve Kerr came on the floor and gave an earful to Crawford and the rest of his crew, Marc Davis and Derrick Stafford.

Curry finished with 27 points,

Iguodala 15 and Lee, who didn't play in Games 1 or 2, had 11.

James, who has had to play without injured All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love, once again was helped by Dellavedova, the pesky Australian guard who hounded Curry for three quarters, dived on the floor for loose balls and came up with a huge three-point play, flinging in a layup with 2:27 left to put the Cavs up 84-80.

After two overtime games in Oakland, Game 3 didn't have quite the same last-second drama, but it didn't lack any intensity as players were sprawled on the floor fighting for loose balls like the Browns and 49ers scrambling for fumbles.

The Cavs seemed to take control in the third, building their 20-point lead with a breathtaking 12-0 run that included 3-pointers by James and J.R. Smith. Curry ended the spurt

with a 3-pointer, the Warriors closed within 15 entering the fourth and they opened the final period with a 13-2 blast to make it 74-68.

And when Curry dropped a step-back 3, Golden State was within four and closing fast. His layup made it 79-76 and Curry missed a potential game-tying before Dellavedova and James combined on a gorgeous alley-oop. But Golden State wasn't finished, and Curry, who went just 2 of 15 on 3s in Game 2, put on the kind of shooting display that has made him one of the game's most captivating players before the Warriors ran out of time.

"Those 3's Steph had in that fourth quarter, those are the same ones that he missed in the first three quarters," James said. "He's just a great shooter."

As if Cleveland didn't have enough injuries, Iman Shump-

ert, one of the team's top defenders, hurt his left shoulder in the first quarter after running into a clean screen set by Warriors forward Draymond Green. It's the same shoulder Shumpert injured while he was with New York earlier this season, sidelining him for six weeks.

Shumpert returned midway through the second quarter, knocking down a 3-pointer to put the Cavs ahead by seven but he played virtually with one arm

the rest of the way.

James wanted Cleveland's crowd to be louder than he's ever heard, and from the moment they entered the building, Cavs fans were in an uproar.

They chanted "Del-ly, Del-ly" during warmups and alternated hollering "Let's Go Cavs!" and "De-fense" on nearly every possession.

Now two wins from a title, Cleveland is only going to get louder.

SIDE BAR

Curry can't shoot Warriors all the way back in Game 3

CLEVELAND (AP)—Stephen Curry nearly shot the Golden State Warriors from way behind into the lead in the NBA Finals.

The Warriors' comeback fell short and the Cleveland Cavaliers held on for a 96-91 victory Tuesday night and a 2-1 edge in the series.

Golden State trailed by 17 points after three dreadful quarters, but rang up a 36-point fourth to get all the way within one point in the final 3 minutes.

Curry struggled early after his dismal Game 2, but had 17 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, making five of his seven 3-pointers.

One of them cut what had been a 20-point deficit to 81-80, and his final three gave the Warriors their last bit of hope when it brought them to 94-91.

They couldn't pull out the victory but may have found an answer to some of their problems by inserting David Lee into the rotation. Lee, a former All-Star who didn't even play in the first two games, made all four shots and scored 11 points, including nine in the fourth quarter to help spark the rally.

The Warriors are down 2-1 in a series for the second time this postseason. They didn't lose another game in the Western Conference semifinals

against Memphis, and will hope their strong finish Tuesday will carry over into Game 4 here on Thursday.

Particularly for Curry, the MVP who shot just 5 of 23 in Game 2, including 2 of 15 from 3-point range. That brought out talk of a slump, questions about the tough defense being played on him by Matthew Dellavedova, and even some concern he was perhaps still hurting or shaken after his scary fall against Houston during the West finals.

But he ended up 10 of 20 in this one, going 7 of 13 behind the arc, and also added six rebounds and six assists.

The Warriors still have concerns. They averaged an NBA-best 110 points during their 67-win season but are struggling just to crack 90 against the Cavaliers. Starting forward Harrison Barnes missed all eight shots and Draymond Green was only 2 for 10.

Still, they nearly pulled out a comeback that would have rivaled the one against New Orleans in Game 3 of the first round, when the Warriors trailed by 20 entering the fourth quarter but won it in overtime after Curry's 3-pointer in the closing seconds of regulation.

This time, he could only get them close.

Bucks hoping season's momentum carries over to a new arena

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Jabari Parker just got to town, and he doesn't want to leave.

It's now up to legislators to determine just how much they want the young forward and the rest of the Bucks to stick around in Milwaukee.

Following a surprisingly successful season, the team is one step closer to getting a new home after political leaders last week announced a \$500 million financing deal for a downtown arena. The next hurdle could be more momentous than making the playoffs: getting approval from the state Legislature and Milwaukee Common Council.

"It's all progress. It's our first step forward," team President Peter Feigin said. "We've still

got a long road."

Parker's job is to score points and rebound. He's hoping to return from a knee injury that sidelined him for much of this past season.

He is also paying attention to what's happening off the court.

"Yeah, it's very important, because we want to stay around as much as possible," Parker said. "We don't want to leave. We want to stay in Milwaukee."

So much has happened already since April 2014, when new owners bought the Bucks. It marked a fresh start for a franchise that had hit rock-bottom in the NBA.

The team drafted one-and-done sensation Parker out of Duke with the second overall pick in the draft in June 2014. He

brought immediate star power. Jason Kidd was hired as coach soon afterward. He brought a name recognizable from his days as an All-Star point guard.

Relying on defense, the Bucks finished 41-41—a remarkable improvement following a franchise-worst 15-win season in 2013-14. They made the playoffs, losing in six games in the first round to the Chicago Bulls.

"We're turning things around, together. Most importantly we're headed toward a new direction," Parker said.

On Saturday, the Bucks drew an estimated 10,000 fans for an afternoon-long block party that was highlighted by the unveiling of their new uniforms at a park outside the team's corporate of-

fices. Fans wearing Bucks gear shot hoops with Parker and fellow franchise cornerstone Giannis Antetokounmpo; tried to dump Feigin into a dunk tank; and watched as giant posters of the team's new duds were unfurled with fanfare on the side of a building.

It was just the kind of momentum that the team needed with the arena question looming.

"I've been here for years. This has to be one of the greatest times being in Milwaukee," said retired forward Vin Baker, who was drafted by the Bucks in the first round in 1993.

The financing deal announced by Gov. Scott Walker, Republican legislative leaders and Milwaukee-area officials

calls for the taxpayers' share of costs to be capped at \$250 million. The Bucks' current and former owners have pledged \$250 million, and the owners would be responsible to pay for any cost overruns.

Some conservatives don't like the deal because they think taxpayers shouldn't be in the business of financing sports projects. Community and business leaders gathered at the state capitol in Madison this week urging for quick approval.

The NBA could buy back the Bucks and move it without significant progress toward construction of a new arena by 2017. It would replace the BMO Harris Bradley Center, which opened in 1988.

Saturday's turnout offered

a sign of renewed enthusiasm with the club. The Bucks have made concerted efforts to maintain connections with popular players from their past, including Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson.

The Bucks unveiled their new logos in April, including one mark that, for the first time, depicts an outline of the state of Wisconsin accented by a color called "Great Lakes blue."

Asked on Saturday whether the Bucks needed to embark on a statewide campaign to help make their case, Feigin said it was more about education.

"We have to do a lot of education versus campaigning," Feigin said. "We've got to be clear. We've got to tell the rationale of the direction we want to go and then today is a great example of where we're going."

Rookie Chris Heston leads Giants over Mets, 5-0



NEW YORK (AP)—Chris Heston pitched the first no-hitter in the majors this season in his 13th career start, leading the San Francisco Giants over the New York Mets 5-0 Tuesday night.

The rookie allowed three baserunners—all on hit batters. He also had a two-run single for his first big league RBIs and finished with two more hits than the Mets.

The pitching-rich Giants have thrown a no-hitter in four straight seasons, with Heston following Matt Cain's perfect game against Houston in 2012 and hitless gems by Tim Lincecum in 2013 and '14.

The only other team to accomplish that feat was the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1962-65, according to STATS. Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax pitched all four of those.

Heston (6-4) struck out 11—six looking—for the defending World Series champions and allowed just two balls into the outfield.

As the crowd of 23,155 gave Heston a standing ovation at Citi Field, Giants teammates came out of the dugout and bullpen to mob him.

Heston hit a two-run single in the fourth off Noah Syndergaard (2-4) and added another single in the eighth.

Angels 8, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Albert Pujols tied Mickey Mantle for 16th place on the all-time home run list, Kole Calhoun drove in a career-high four runs and Los Angeles stopped a season-high five-game losing streak by beating Tampa Bay.

Pujols hit his 536th homer to tie the New York Yankees great, an opposite-field shot to right field on an 0-1 pitch from Nathan Karns (3-3) in the fifth inning. Pujols has eight homers in his last 11 games, and 16 overall this season.

Mike Schmidt is in 15th place with 548 home runs.

Calhoun had an RBI double during a two-run first, a sixth-inning run-scoring single, and a two-run single in a three-run eighth.

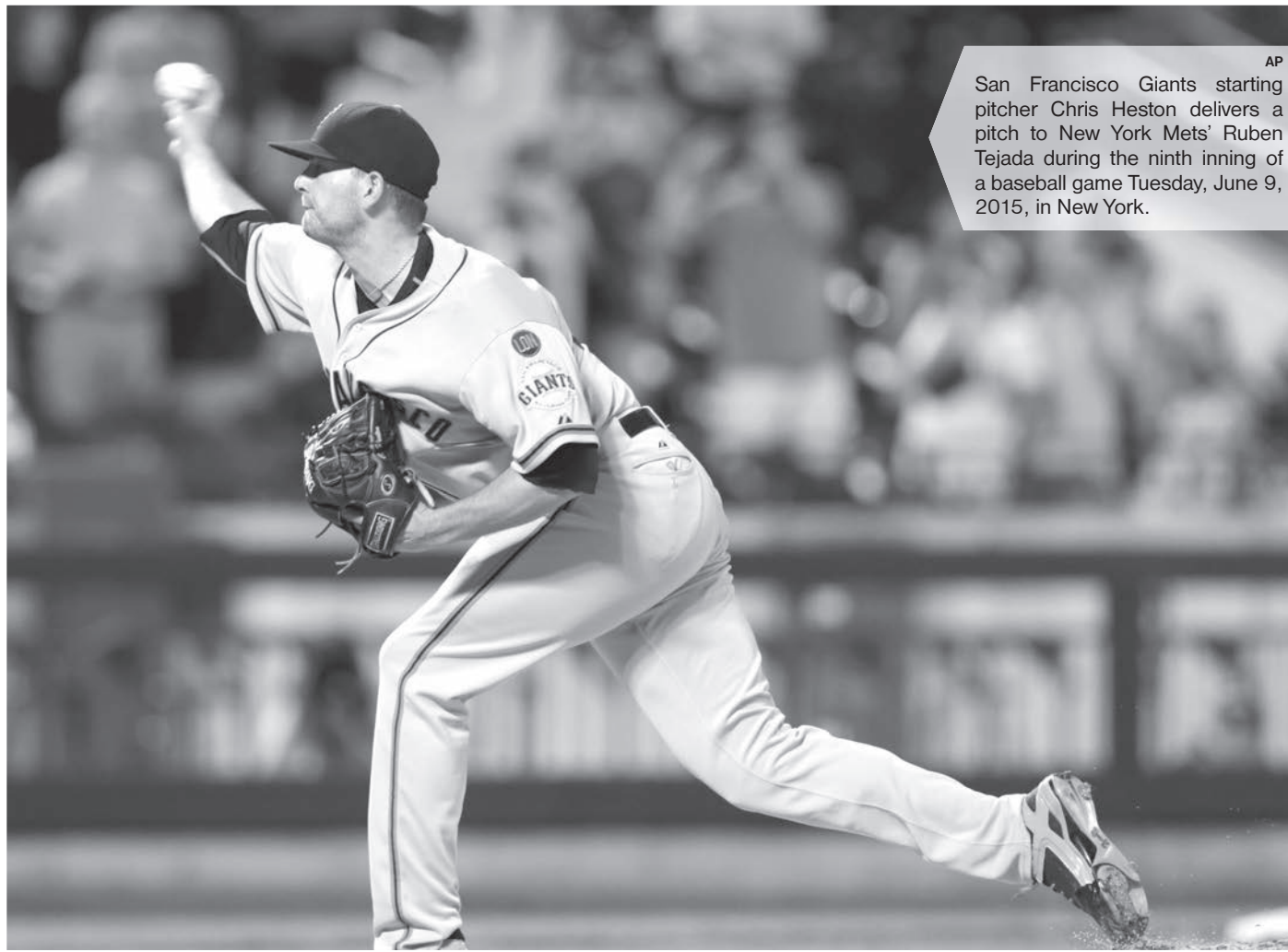
Matt Shoemaker (4-4) improved to 3-0 in three starts against Tampa Bay after allowing two runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1

In Los Angeles, Howie Kendrick snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single, and Los Angeles defeated Arizona for its sixth consecutive win against the Diamondbacks.

The first-place Dodgers have won eight straight and 12 of their last 13 at home against Arizona since April 2014.

Adam Liberatore (2-1) got one out for the victory. Kenley Jansen retired the side in the ninth to earn his seventh save.



AP
San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Chris Heston delivers a pitch to New York Mets' Ruben Tejada during the ninth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in New York.

Robbie Ray (1-1) took the loss, giving up two runs and

Royals 2, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Chris Young took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Salvador Perez homered to help Kansas City to a victory over Minnesota.

Young (5-2) left after giving up a triple to Trevor Plouffe with one out in the seventh for his only hit of the game. The 6-foot-10 right-hander struck out two and walked three to bounce back from a pair of ugly starts and put the Royals in a position to sweep the Twins on Wednesday.

Trevor May (4-4) gave up one run on seven hits with five strikeouts and three walks in six innings for the Twins, who managed just the one hit and have scored five runs in their last four games.

On a night when San Francisco's Chris Heston no-hit the Mets, Young looked prime to equal him as he carved up the slumping Twins lineup through six innings.

Yankees 6, Nationals 1

In New York, Masahiro Tanaka outpitched Max Scherzer, Stephen Drew hit two solo home runs and New York beat Washington for its seventh straight victory.

A two-out throwing error by shortstop Ian Desmond in the seventh inning broke a 1-all tie. New York went on to match its longest winning streak since 2012.

Bryce Harper hit his 20th home run for the Nationals, who have lost nine of 11. Washington fell in its first trip to Yankee Stadium since 2009.

Tanaka (4-1) gave up one run and five hits in seven innings, walking none and striking out

six. No one on the Nationals had ever batted against him and it showed with several timid, late swings.

Tanaka made his second start since wrist and forearm ailments put him on the disabled list. No ill effects, apparently.

Scherzer (6-5) kept pace with Tanaka until the seventh.

Reds 11, Phillies 2

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto hit three homers in a game for the third time in his career—matching Johnny Bench as the only Reds players to do it—and Cincinnati piled up five total in a victory over Philadelphia.

Votto hit two of the Reds' four homers off Aaron Harang (4-7), who had given up a total of four all season. Votto added a two-run homer in the seventh inning off Dustin McGowan, then grounded out in the eighth, finishing one shy of the major league record.

Anthony DeSclafani (5-4) matched his career high by fanning seven batters and gave up two runs in 6 1/3 innings to a lineup that struggles away from Citizens Bank Park.

White Sox 4, Astros 2

In Chicago, Jose Abreu hit a tie-breaking two-run homer, Carlos Rodon threw six scoreless innings, and Chicago White beat Houston to hand the Astros their sixth straight loss despite top draft pick Carlos Correa hitting his first home run.

Abreu's 10th home run of the season broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the sixth and propelled Chicago to its second win to start the three-game series with the AL West-leading Astros.

The homer and Melky Cabrera's two-run double in the eighth

were enough for the White Sox to continue the Astros' slide while Houston's offensive woes continued.

Rodon (2-0) allowed four hits and two walks while striking out five and throwing a career-high 116 pitches.

Except for Abreu's home run, Keuchel (7-2) was strong in the loss.

Blue Jays 4, Marlins 3

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run home run in the ninth inning and Toronto extended its winning streak to seven games, beating Miami.

Returning to the lineup after sitting out the previous two games with a sore left shoulder, Encarnacion connected off A.J. Ramos (0-1) with a one-out drive to center, his 13th. It was the fourth walkoff homer of Encarnacion's career.

Giancarlo Stanton hit two solo home runs for the Marlins, who lost for the third time in four games. Stanton leads the majors with 21 homers and 51 RBIs.

Liam Hendriks (2-0) pitched one inning for the win.

Brewers 4, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Taylor Jungmann pitched seven efficient innings in his major league debut to lead Milwaukee to a win over Pittsburgh.

Jungmann allowed one run on three hits, striking out five against just one walk as the Brewers won for the fourth time in their last five games. Jason Rogers and Aramis Ramirez each hit solo homers and drove in two runs for Milwaukee. Francisco Rodriguez worked a perfect ninth for his 12th save.

Starling Marte's 12th home run was the only mistake by

Jungmann. The 25-year-old struggled recently at Triple-A but retired 13 straight at one point to send the Pirates to their second straight loss. Francisco Liriano (3-5) kept pace with Jungmann until the seventh, when a leadoff walk to Ryan Braun started a two-run rally that pushed the Brewers in front to stay.

Rockies 4, Cardinals 3

In Denver, Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven strong innings to tie the Rockies' franchise mark for wins, D.J. LeMahieu hit a tie-breaking RBI double in the seventh, and Colorado hung on to beat St. Louis following another rain delay at Coors Field.

With the score tied at 2-2 in the seventh, pinch-hitter Wilin Rosario, who was batting for De La Rosa, singled off Michael Wacha. One out later, LeMahieu doubled to the centerfield wall, scoring Rosario.

Wacha (8-2) matched a career high with 10 strikeouts but gave up four runs on nine hits in 6 2-3 innings.

De La Rosa (3-2) allowed two runs on three hits and struck out eight in notching his 72nd career win with Colorado, tying Aaron Cook's team record.

Tigers 6, Cubs 0

In Detroit, Anibal Sanchez pitched well for 7 2-3 innings and Rajai Davis had a big day at bat and in the field as Detroit beat Chicago.

Davis had a double, a triple and stole a homer from David Ross, while Sanchez (4-7) ended a four-start slump that saw Detroit lose all four starts while he posted a 7.71 ERA.

Sanchez allowed six hits and walked two while striking out seven.

Jon Lester (4-5) took the loss, giving up five runs on nine hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings.

Davis led off the first with a double, took third on David Ross' passed ball and scored on Miguel Cabrera's single to center.

Orioles 1, Red Sox 0

In Baltimore, Steve Pearce scored in the seventh inning on a wild pitch by Matt Barnes, and Baltimore overcame another sharp outing by Boston rookie Eduardo Rodriguez in the victory.

Four pitchers combined on a five-hitter for the Orioles, who have won four of five. Chad Roe (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings to earn his first AL victory, and Zach Britton got five outs for his 16th save.

Rodriguez allowed three hits and three walks over six sparkling innings. The former Orioles prospect was vying to become the first left-hander since Kazuhisa Ishii of the Dodgers in 2002 to win his first three major league appearances.

Mariners 3, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Robinson Cano broke out of a slump with two doubles and an RBI, while five pitchers held Cleveland in check, leading Seattle to the win.

Roenis Elias (3-3) gave up a solo homer to Yan Gomes in the second, the only run the left-hander allowed in six innings. Gomes homered to lead off the ninth against rookie Carson Smith, the Mariners' fourth reliever.

Pinch-hitter Michael Bourn singled with one out, but David Murphy, another pinch-hitter, flied out and Jason Kipnis grounded out as Smith recorded his second save.

Cano's RBI double off Corey Kluber (3-7) put Seattle ahead in the first. Logan Morrison, who extended his hitting streak to 15 games, added a run-scoring double in the second. Cano also doubled in the fifth.

Rangers 2, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Calif., Mitch Moreland hit a long homer leading off the sixth inning, Nick Martinez outpitched Sonny Gray to win for the first time in more than two weeks, and Texas beat Oakland.

Prince Fielder drove in a run and Shin-Soo Choo added two hits to help lead the Rangers to their major league-best 20th road win. Texas has won three of four on its current trip to pull within two games of AL West-leading Houston.

Moreland had gone hitless in 10 previous at-bats against Gray (7-3) before connecting for his seventh homer of the season on a 2-1 pitch from the Oakland ace. The ball easily cleared the wall in center field and bounced off the facade underneath a row of luxury seats.

Armatech surges ahead in Saipan Times badminton meet

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The Armatech Blue Shuttlers surged to the top of the Saipan Times Open Badminton Team Tournament after their matches against the Sun Palace Smashers and Red Tigers last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.



The Shuttlers' two-game wins against the Smashers in the mixed AB and men's BC divisions, and in the women's B, and mixed B and BC categories over the Red Tigers pushed them on top with 41 games won followed by the Racket Roadrunners' 40.

The Green Badminators is currently third with 38, the Red Tigers have 32 at fourth place, while the Smashers, which drew a bye, have compiled 29. Each badminton match is a divided into three games, not sets like in other

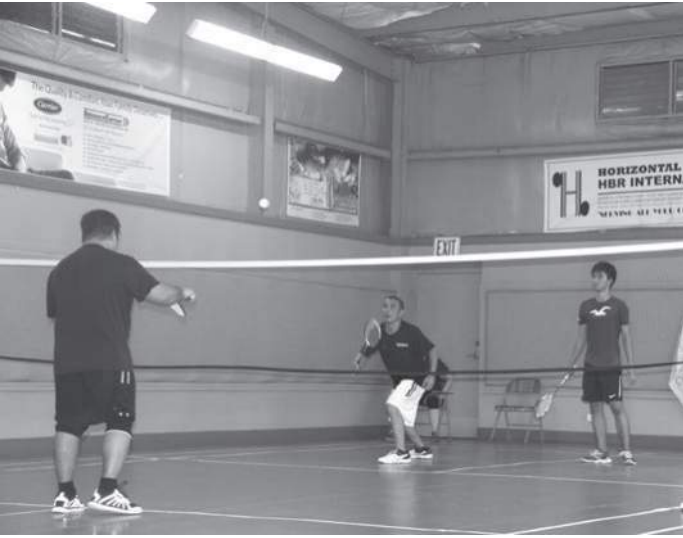
sports.

The Shuttlers' mixed BC pair of Eydie Uy and Loyda Ito humbled the Red Tigers' Edwin Montoya and Vilma Reyes, 21-8, 22-20, while Ito teamed up with Christy Villafior in completing a 21-5, 21-15 drubbing of Havika Farro and Elna Curate.

Team captain Jong Min Lee and Ito bested Ronnie Tan and Reyes in the mixed B, 21-12, 21-13.

Lee and Joel Ortega played three straight matches where they scored 2-1 wins over the pairs of Montoya and Jordan Pangilinan in men's A (19-21, 21-13, 21-12) and AB (21-18, 18-21, 21-19).

Montoya then paired up with Nathan Guerrero in the men's B where he dropped an 8-21, 21-17, 7-21, decision against Lee and Ortega. Guerrero, who is still in the C division, had some flashes of brilliance when he managed to hold his own against a pair of



The Red Tigers' Edwin Montoya, left, serves to Armatech Blue Shuttlers' Joel Ortega as Jongmin Lee looks on during their men's AB match in the Saipan Times Open Badminton Team Tournament last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

B players. The Red Tigers came out victorious in the men's BC, mixed AB, and women's AB. Montoya and Guerrero bounced back in the men's BC with a 19-21, 21-19, 21-16 win over Ortega and June

Red Tigers pair struggled in the first game allowing their opponents to take control.

Choi opened up the first game with three straight errors as she and Farro allowed Malasarte to impose her will at the net, while Ito bombarded them with timely smashes as the Armatech duo went up 10-1.

Choi and Farro earned their second point when Ito's corner shot went out of bounds. They lost the first game, 16-21, but played more cohesively in the

second for a 21-18 decision and force a rubber.

Both pairs fought for every point in the third game that resulted to a 16-16 count after Ito ended a 22-shot rally with a smash, the shuttle passing in between Choi and Farro.

The Red Tigers went up, 17-16 on a Farro smash and took a two-point cushion after Malasarte's drop shot went out of bounds. The Red Tigers scored four of the next five points to complete the win.

NMSF 10K fun run on June 27



The Northern Marianas Sports Foundation will hold its inaugural NMSF

10-kilometer fun run on June 27, which starts and ends at Micro Beach.

The race, dubbed Healthy Community Leads to a Healthy Economy, is NMSF's fundraising event proceeds of which will help Northern Marianas Sports Association support CNMI athletes and improve all sports facilities.

Walk-in registration starts at 5:15am and the run time is at 6am. The racecourse is from Hyatt Regency heading toward Beach Road, take the pathway and turn around at the Ladera Center in Chalan Lao Lao, and back to Micro Beach.

Registration fee is \$10 for the open division, while \$7 for the Under-15 youth runners. Prizes will be given to the winners of various age groups while a raffle will also take place after the run.

Registration forms are available at the Gilbert C. Ada

Gymnasium.

All CNMI sports federations are also advised to man water stations and have at least 10 of their members to join the fun run. Contact NMSA vice president Dr. Kurt Barnes for assignments.

The water stations will be at Cha Bakery at the old Winchell's building, the Carolinian Affairs Office, the 13 Fishermen Monument, National Office Supply, the tank at Quartermaster Road, and the turn around across the Ladera Center.

Federations that will volunteer are asked to be at their water stations at 5:15am and should bring tent, tables, cups, water, water jug, and ice.

The NMSF will provide trash bags. Federations can also leave their trash at the water stations or dropped off at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium trash bins.

For more information, call 235-5853 or email Barnes at dr.kurtbarnes@rocketmail.com. (Jon Perez)

4 more rule divisions in darts league

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Four more teams were crowned division champions in the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2015 season, which was held last week in various bars on the island.



The Sand Juvy TDI Summit and the Jokers Spartans, along with their respective sister teams the Smoke Pub Titans (116-109) to snatch the Tuesday B crown from the Jokers Atarashi Boyz (146-79).

The Spartans completed their march to the Kingfisher C

decision against Shoot Balut, another Sand Juvy-backed squad, in its final game but it was enough to push them on top of the league's premier division.

TDI Summit ended up with a 159-96 record, while Shoot Balut settled for second place at 153-102. The Jokers destroyers placed third (147-108).

The Pasaways (147-78), on the other hand, cruised to a 13-2 rout of the Smoke Pub Titans (116-109) to snatch the Tuesday B crown from the Jokers Atarashi Boyz (146-79).

The Spartans completed their march to the Kingfisher C

division title following an 11-4 thrashing of the cellar-dwelling Smoke Pub High Flyers. The Spartans finished with a division-best 161-64 card, 40 wins ahead of the Route 33 Dart Knights (121-104).

The Darty Flight (163-62) topped the Chichirika C division after scoring an 11-4 win over the Abyss DNA Jump It (136-89). Other game results last week are as follows:

- Masters**
- Destroyers 12, Scratch 'N' Sniff 5
 - Chelus 11, Pythons 6

- A Division**
- Mafia 13, Warriors 4
 - Voyagers 13, No Fear 4

- Snipers 12, Sakude 5
- Huntlaw 10, Proofers 7
- Predators 9, Darry 8

- Ladies**
- Vicious Darters 8, Try Luck 7
 - Pasaways 8, Kitty Kats 7

- Tuesday B**
- Atarashi Boyz 10, Dabarkads 5
 - Lit It Or Not 8, Dataholics 7

- Chichirika C**
- Tokers 12, Jump It 3

- Kingfisher C**
- Dart Knights 12, Hafa Mas 3
 - Sea-Ricks 8, Chagi Fan 7

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National Swimming Pool.

Three events were slated in Day 1 of the competition, starting off with the 400m individual medley and followed by the 1,500m freestyle, and 400m medley relay. The meet will conclude today with the first session running from 8am to 10am and the second and final from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

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gara, Angelica Mia Carreon, Chloe Salvosa, De Jana Muna, Diana Maniacop, Elaine Enriquez, Jennifer Perena, Krizel Tuazon, Sara Allen, and Lalaine Pagarao. Former Olympian and Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Luam Khen Koo is the head coach and will be assisted by Jimmy Tang also from Chelsea.

The team, organized and bankrolled by the Northern Marianas Islands Football Association, will be leaving in

BOOM

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Though Alvarez's only clue of Barca is that he is a Muay Thai fighter that has topnotch striking skills, the reigning Trench Warz featherweight champion is still optimistic of his chances.

"I really don't know much about him. It is an advantage and a disadvantage. It's a bit of both. Not knowing what my opponent is going to bring is

always scary. All I know is I'm going to do everything that I can to defeat him," said Alvarez.

"The advantage for me is that I don't need to worry about my opponent's game plan. He needs to worry on what I'm going to bring and about my game plan," he added with a laugh.

Though he trains all year long, Alvarez prepared for four months against Braca. "We had an excellent four months of training camp for this fight. We focused on all

parts of my game."

"We focused mainly on stand up fighting because my opponent is a very good striker. But I know I could hang on and go toe-to-toe with him," Alvarez added.

The Alvarez-Braca bout is a ranking fight in the Southeast Asia-Pacific region where the winner would move up.

Genil Francisco opens up the night when he takes on Charles Diao, to be followed by the Mark

Alcoba-Marcelo Cabusas bout, while John Cris Corton battles Rufino Mante. Nilo Vidal collides with Adamson Torbiso, Ernesto Montilla faces Jinel Lausa, Harold Banario clashes with Mark Abelardo, and Crisanto Pitpitunge meets Alvin Cacdac in the semi-main event.

Alvarez's cousins, Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and "Shiska" Bob Alvarez, and Ken "Kamakazi" Tanzawa will be at his corner on fight night.

Soccer School (Hong Kong). The three-day tournament, which is sponsored by Tan Siu Lin Foundation and supported by Hong Kong Home Affairs Department and Hong Kong Football Club, is part of Luen Thai's 50th anniversary celebration.

"The tournament is Hong Kong will be a very good learning experience for our players. As you see, what the girls are lacking are matches and they will get them, not only from one, but three teams," said Koo, who supervised the squad's scrimmage versus the CNMI U14 national training pool yesterday at

the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

"This team is in a developmental stage. They are not used to playing outside the CNMI often and therefore have limited chances to see how other top teams in the region play. With this tournament in Hong Kong, they will be exposed to players with high-level skills and they can gauge where they are at and what they need to improve on to match up with their opponents," said Koo, who noted that the Commonwealth bets need to pick up the tempo of their game to put on a good showing in the Luen Thai Cup.

"In Hong Kong, they will see much quicker and stronger players so they really need to push their pace. Once we get there, we will work on our tactics and game plan and make the adjustments as the match progresses," the coach added.

Koo picked South China Agricultural University Women's Football Club as the team to beat in next month's tournament, which will have a round-robin format. The top team after the round-robin play will bring home the championship trophy, while the three other squads will receive medals.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	25	.569	—
Tampa Bay	31	28	.525	2½
Toronto	30	30	.500	4
Baltimore	27	30	.474	5½
Boston	27	32	.458	6½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	33	23	.589	—
Minnesota	33	25	.569	1
Detroit	31	28	.525	3½
Chicago	27	30	.474	6½
Cleveland	27	30	.474	6½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	26	.567	—
Texas	31	27	.534	2
Los Angeles	29	29	.500	4
Seattle	26	32	.448	7
Oakland	23	37	.383	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	31	28	.525	—
Washington	30	28	.517	½
Atlanta	28	30	.483	2½
Miami	24	35	.407	7
Philadelphia	22	38	.367	9½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	38	21	.644	—
Chicago	30	26	.536	6½
Pittsburgh	31	27	.534	6½
Cincinnati	26	31	.456	11
Milwaukee	22	37	.373	16

West Division				
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Los Angeles	34	25	.576	—
San Francisco	33	26	.559	1
San Diego	30	30	.500	4½
Colorado	27	30	.474	6
Arizona	27	31	.466	6½

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2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day Tournament

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Paire Football Club's Casey Chambers goes for a corner kick during their U8 division game against Tan Holdings FC Nature in the 2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day Tourna



A Matansa FC player, second left, chases the ball and is followed by two MP United 1 players during their U8 division match.



MP United Forza's Rintaro Miyawaki, right, celebrates with teammate Rinto Takahashi after scoring against Kanoa Rangers 1 in the finals of their U12 Group A match.



A Kanoa FC player, right, reaches in for the ball against an MP United 2 defender during their semis game in the U12 Group B division.



A Tan Holdings FC Nature player is ahead in a footrace against an MP United 1 player.



Tan Holdings FC Nature's Andrei Katlyn Chavez runs after the ball at the sideline and is being chased by two MP United 1 players during their U8 division game.



MP United coach Bada Lee huddles with his players.



A Kanoa Rangers 1 player, center, kicks the ball, while MP United Forza's Rinto Takahashi, right, stays in the play and teammate Rintaro Miyawaki backs him up.



A Shirley's FC player dribbles past two Tan Holdings Dark defenders during their U10 semis match.



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Kento, Jinnosuke win in Palau



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Saipan Swim Club swimmers and coaches pose for a photo at the conclusion of the 10th Annual Palau Open Water Swim held last Saturday in the waters off Palau Pacific Resort in Koror.

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru and Jinnosuke Suzuki won their respective races in the 10th Annual Palau Open Water Swim held last Saturday in the waters off Palau Pacific Resort in Koror.

In an email message sent to *Saipan Tribune*, SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield said Akimaru finished first in the 5-kilometer course. Akimaru's time was not mentioned in the email and organizers have yet to send the official results of the meet to *Saipan Tribune*, but Palau Swimming As-



sociation reported that Akimaru made it to the finish line only four seconds ahead of Hawaii's Cameron Lyon.

In the 3K event, Jinnosuke was the first finisher, while Victoria Chentsova and Lennosuke Suzuki made it to the Top 3 in their respective divisions. Chentsova was runner-up in the women's 5K, while the older Suzuki came in at third in the same course.

"The kids are safe and swam very well today (Saturday). It's a very good day of swimming for SSC," Winkfield said.

The SSC team, which also has Taiyo Akimaru, R.J. Pierce, David Boyer, and Salofi Welch as members, are among the over 100 swimmers who joined the annual race that also featured 250m, 500m, and 1,500m courses and included Japanese bets. They also competed in the 2nd Annual Rock Island Swim, but results of the race were unavailable at press time.

Meanwhile, SSC swimmers and representatives of Aulea Swim Club (Oahu, Hawaii) were scheduled to join the host country in the Inaugural Palau Invitational last night at the Meyuns

'Boom' eyes shoring up his PXC ranking

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Roman "Boom" Alvarez left for Manila Tuesday morning with the hopes of returning to the

Marianas with a victory against Filipino bet Ernie Braca in Pacific X-treme Combat 48 on Saturday at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City, Philippines.

Alvarez (4-0, with 3 by knock-out) will take on the Iloilo Combat Sports fighter Braca (1-1, KO) in one of the eight undercard bouts.

The Alvarez-Braca bout is fourth on the fight card that will feature crowd favorite Rolando Gabriel Dy Navarette against Guam's Kyle Aguon in the main event.

"I'm going to bring all the positive vibe and motivation that the Marianas gave me. They'll be seeing me perform and fight at my best because I'm going to represent my island to the fullest," said Alvarez, who left Saipan at 5am Tuesday.

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JON PEREZ

Roman Alvarez hopes to return to the Marianas with another victory when he faces Filipino Muay Thai fighter Ernie Braca in Pacific X-treme Combat 48 on Saturday at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City.

CNMI All-Stars off to Hong Kong

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A select women's squad from the CNMI will be leaving the island to compete and train in Hong Kong.

Dubbed the CNMI Women's All-Star Team, the group will be participating in the Luen Thai Cup from July 7 to 9 and will be training in Hong Kong before and after the competition. The squad is composed of goalies Carla Ballesteros and Chevy Kate Alipio, Dianne Pablo, Guinevere Borja, Jeraldine and Jeralyn Castillo, Lyka Sally, Renita Fleming, Mae Ito, Alexandria Ver-



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Former Olympian and Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Luam Khen Koo watches CNMI All-Star Team member Diane Pablo perform a drill during a training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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